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# Tories 'fail tests' on schools

John Carvel  
Education Editor

THE Government was last night beset with mounting problems throughout the education system after its flagship policies for toddlers, schoolchildren and college students came under sustained assault.

Plans to give nursery vouchers for every four-year-old were called into question by an Audit Commission report warning of a black market developing as 2750 million in coupons passed from hundreds of thousands of parents to 40,000 pre-school establishments. It raised doubts about whether legislation to promote a more competitive pre-school market could achieve the Government's aim of increasing nursery provision.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, announced dismal results from the first national tests of 11-year-olds, showing more than half failing to reach the expected standard in English and maths.

She acknowledged the performance was disappointing and told primary schools they must do better. Although she drew comfort from a better performance by 14-year-olds at secondary level, the proportion achieving the expected standard in maths and science was slightly lower than a year before.

And as the universities tried to come to terms with a 2500 million funding cut over the next three academic years, lecturers called on the vice-chancellors and students to join them in a national one-day stoppage. The vice-chancellors were considering defying the cut by imposing a crisis levy of several hundred pounds per student.

The Labour leader, Tony Blair, believes that the Government's discomfiture over the test results for 11-year-olds might allow him to regain the initiative on education which had been lost during the last few days of turmoil over Harriet Harman's choice of a grammar school in the Tory borough of Bromley for her son.

In the Commons he said the



**Education: trouble at every stage**

**Nursery**  
Auditors fear black market in Government's pre-school vouchers

**Primary**  
At age 11, less than half reach the target in English and maths

**Secondary**  
Decline in 14-year-olds maths and science test results

**University**  
Lecturers vote for day of action against 2500 million cuts

results were "appalling" and an indictment of Government policies. "These are children educated under a Conservative government. The failure is not theirs but the Conservative government's," he said at question time.

But John Major hit back with another powerful performance, taunting Mr Blair with the barely healed party row over the conduct of Ms Harman, shadow health secretary.

"If it is the Conservative government that has failed, perhaps you can explain why some of your friends remove their children from Labour

education authorities and have them educated in Conservative ones?" he said.

David Blunkett, shadow education secretary, said there was a disturbing decline in children's performance in their final years at primary school. Yesterday's test results showed three-quarters of 7-year-olds achieving or surpassing the expected standard of performance in English, maths and science.

But only 44 per cent of 11-year-olds reached the standard in maths and only 48 per cent achieved it in English. The results seemed to confirm reports from the Secondary Heads Association about declining standards of literacy and numeracy in their intake. "We need action as well as information. Mrs Shephard is showing considerable complacency about such disastrous results in the basics. They come on top of a decline in GCSE results in maths and English last year," Mr Blunkett said.

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said the Government must share the blame for the bad results. "They removed funding from the reading recovery scheme, they have demoralised teachers, they have allowed buildings to crumble, they have presided over rising class sizes."

The Audit Commission warned that the nursery voucher scheme could do more good to a child than rearing in a prosperous neighbourhood.

But the commission raised doubts about whether the voucher scheme would protect their own establishments instead of fuelling their loss of promoting high quality education for all pre-school children, it warned.

## Ecstasy: the fury and the facts

Alix Sharkey on a media circus



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Andrew McCallum, one of the two officers who arrested Shiji Lapite, who subsequently died in custody.



Shiji Lapite: sustained multiple injuries



Olanide Susan Jones: called for the prosecution



Peter Wright: told inquest of struggle

# Asylum seeker 'unlawfully killed' by police

**Wvek Chaudhary and Owen Bowcott**

SEVERAL north London police officers could face charges after an inquest yesterday returned a verdict of unlawful killing on a Nigerian asylum seeker who was put in a neck hold and died of asphyxiation.

The case, which prompted the coroner, Stephen Chan, to call on police to speed up warnings to officers on the dangers of using neck holds when restraining suspects, follows a series of deaths in custody in the capital.

Inquest, the campaign group which supports relatives of those who have died in custody, Amnesty International, the National Black Caucus, and the Churches Commission for Racial Justice last night all expressed concern about police procedures for detaining suspects.

The inquest had heard that Shiji Lapite, a painter and decorator and father of two, was spotted by PC Paul Wright, aged 28, and PC Andrew McCallum, aged 24, "acting suspiciously" in Upper Clapton Road, north London, just after midnight on December 16, 1994. They said they saw him drop two cling-film wrapped rocks of crack cocaine by a tree and that when they went to

retrieve them, he became violent and tried to escape.

At the inquest, at St Pancras coroner's court, it was stated that as a result of a struggle during which Mr Lapite was held in a neck hold, he was taken in a police van to Homerton Hospital, east London, and pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

PC Wright described Mr Lapite as "one of the strongest and most violent males I have ever come across."

Two pathologists giving evidence during the two-week hearing told the hearing that Mr Lapite suffered 36 or 45 separate injuries. Medical reports indicated that Mr Lapite's larynx and neck had

been bruised and a cartilage in his voicebox fractured.

Both police officers, who admitted kicking the suspect in the head, biting him and pinning him down with a neck hold, denied using excessive force. PC McCallum said he had kicked Mr Lapite in the head but insisted it was because he believed he was about to be attacked.

Addressing Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lawrence

Roach at the end of the hearing yesterday, Dr Chan asked him to carry the message to the Association of Chief Police Officers that "all police officers should be brought up to date with the hazards and dangers of this particular technique". Neck holds, Dr Chan warned, "should, at best, be avoided, particularly when the suspect seems to be under the influence of drugs."

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# Dublin accuses Major of peace talks 'stitch-up'

**David Sharrock, Stephen Bates and Michael White**

THE rift between Britain and Ireland over the Northern Ireland peace process widened last night after Dublin all but rejected John Major's proposals for elections and accused London of a "stitch-up" over the Mitchell report.

As John Major wrote a conciliatory letter to his counterpart, John Bruton, Mr Bruton's deputy, foreign minister Dick Spring, sought early talks with London. But Whitehall insisted Mr Bruton had been kept fully informed of the initiative.

A nationalist consensus was forming around resistance to Mr Major's call for what some Unionist MPs describe as a "peace convention" in the province with a time-limited remit to start all-party talks involving elected Sinn Fein representatives.

Dublin officials accused Mr Major of "throwing the Mitchell report in the dustbin" because he had seized on a passing admission that an "elective process" might contribute to building trust and confidence.

British ministers, led by Mr Major and the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, refused to be dismayed by the row. They admit they can expect "a few rough days" over their plan but insist that — since the paramilitary groups refuse to start disarming — it is the only alternative which can deliver all parties to the table.

"We cannot coerce the Unionists," a source said.

Dublin disagrees and purports to question British motives. "The argument voiced by some that this is about grinding down the Provos has a lot more validity today," an Irish source said. "Major has to put pressure on the Unionists. He has a responsibility to do that."

The Republic's government wants Mr Major and the Unionist parties to accept the Six Mitchell principles — committing them to exclusively democratic and non-violent means — as the basis for all-party talks, which would begin by the agreed late February deadline. Arms decommissioning would follow in parallel.

On Channel 4 News last night the former United States senator, George Mitch-

ell, said decommissioning during talks, rather than before or after, was the "obvious and logical compromise" if coupled with the six principles.

Whitehall argues that Dublin knows the Unionist parties will not talk without prior movement on arms or an election process which both Sinn Fein and John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) reject a return to what Mr Bruton yesterday dubbed a Stormont-type cul-de-sac.

Mr Major is expected to see Mr Hume on Tuesday. And Mr Bruton is telling Whitehall he expects the Unionist leader, David Trimble, to see him if he is serious about elections. He has twice refused to talk to Dublin in the past month.

Addressing the Council of Europe in Strasbourg yesterday, Mr Bruton said it was far too early to talk about elections. He warned against slipping in the peace timetable's momentum and called



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# The wealthy wife and the man who couldn't quite

**Clegg Dyer**  
Legal Correspondent

TRANSSEXUAL who was born female, became a man, then married a woman and spent 17 years as her husband, lost his claim yesterday to a half-share of the £400,000 home he shared with her.

A High Court judge ruled that the man had committed a "very serious offence" in marrying the woman.

Mr Justice Hollis, who gave leave to take the case to the Court of Appeal, said he sympathised with both parties, but the man's crime struck at the very heart of marriage. The woman had married "out of naïveté."

The woman is also claiming back everything that the man, who is on legal aid, acquired from her during the marriage. The case

may go eventually to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, where several cases are pending challenging treatment of transsexuals under English law.

The couple, who cannot be named, met in the mid 1970s when she was 19 and he was 30 and married the following year. Before meeting her he had undergone a double mastectomy and hormone treatment.

No attempt was made to construct male genitals because the operation is risky. The man had made himself a false penis of plaster of paris.

In 1994, the woman started divorce proceedings alleging unreasonable behaviour. She claims she learned her husband was not a man when she asked an inquiry agent to investigate him. The agent produced her husband's birth

certificate, which showed he had been born a woman. The wife then won a decree from the court annulling the marriage, on the basis that the couple were both women. The annulity decree opened the way for the husband, an unemployed part-time mature student, to claim a lump sum from his wealthy wife.

The wife's lawyers argued that the husband had committed perjury when he signed a formal declaration on marriage that he was a bachelor.

The April Ashley case in 1970 established that a transsexual retains the sex at birth for the purposes of English law and cannot contract a valid marriage in the new sex. The man's lawyers contended that he was unaware of this and considered that he had become a man as a result of his treatment.

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Stray fockers and cunning stunts



Simon Hoggart

JAMES Molyneux, lately leader of the Ulster Unionists, is a courteous and diffident fellow...

"No 'Advance' On that," he concluded, as he nervously assumed that the conversation must in fact be about to take place...



Jailed... solicitor Charles Deacon (left) and James Fuller...

Jail for men who used 'CIA link' to swindle £2.3m from Belling

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Simple fraud nets millions by enticing desperate firms

ADVANCE fee fraud, which Charles Deacon used to cheat Belling and other firms out of millions of pounds, is simple, according to the detective who headed the investigation...

Tory glee at signs of fading EMU deadline

If the 1999 target does slip, Bonn and Paris are expected to come under pressure to adopt a new position fairly quickly...

First night

This ain't no dirt road diversion

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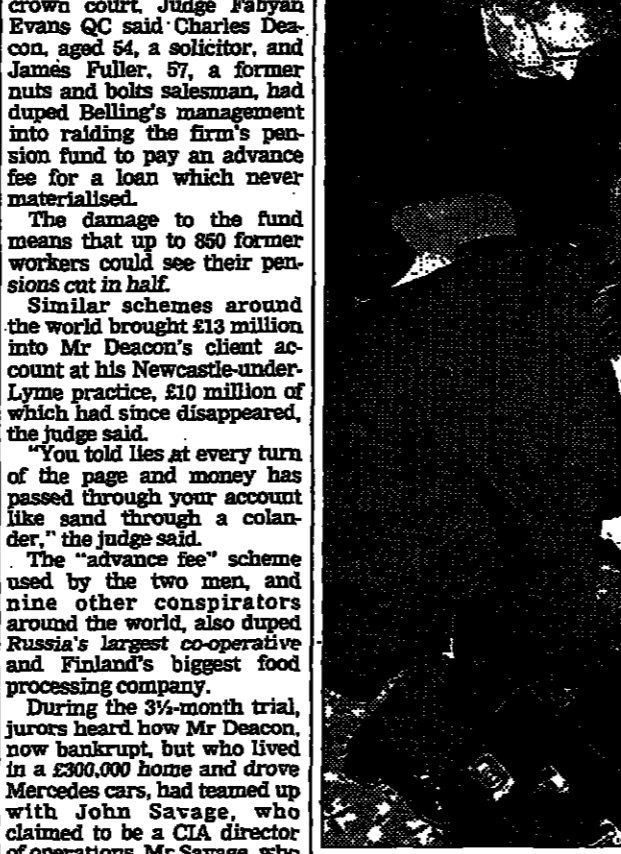
Alison Krauss and Union Station

WITHOUT the aid of fringed jackets, sequined dresses, hair extensions or a series of messy divorces, Alison Krauss is becoming one of the first ladies of country music...

Britain and Ireland. It was immediately obvious that this was a group concerned with music alone and none of the usual trappings...

Richard Thomas

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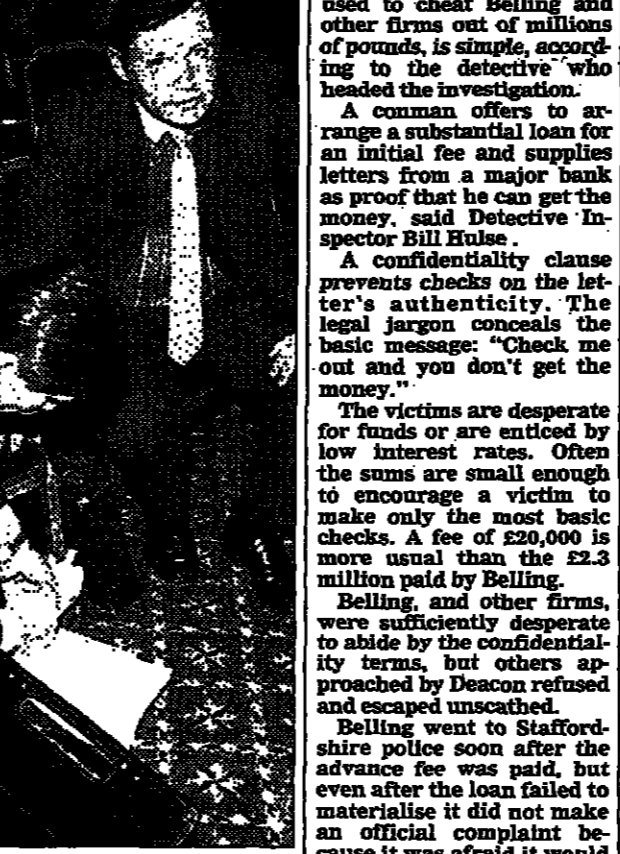


Belling creditors at a meeting in London

"You didn't know the money from Belling would come from the pension funds," Judge Evans told the defendants...

Sarah Ryle

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The victims are desperate for funds and are enticed by low interest rates. Often the sums are small enough to encourage a victim to make only the most basic checks...

Asylum seeker 'unlawfully killed' in police custody

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Only women need apply for richest literary prize

Angella Johnson

THE most lucrative literary award in the country, the £30,000 Orange Prize for Fiction, was launched yesterday...

women's writing did not get attention in literary awards or review pages...

Freeze to continue, say forecasters

HOUSEHOLDERS and motorists were warned to take precautions last night as forecasters said the cold snap would continue for two days...

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because they don't want to pay their monstrous bills," a spokesman said...

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News in brief

Teenage bride stays in Turkey

THE 13-year-old bride Sarah Cook may be staying in Turkey for another month after the court case against her husband was adjourned yesterday. The court told Musa Komeagac, an 18-year-old waiter she met on holiday, that he will have to remain in jail until February 15, when a special hearing will take place which could last several days. Sarah and her mother had been due to give evidence. Komeagac is facing charges of statutory rape following the religious wedding. Sarah is too young to marry legally. The case was adjourned to give more time for consideration.

Security manager sacked

A SECURITY manager working on the Newbury bypass scheme was suspended yesterday over allegations that recruits were being encouraged to use violence against protesters. Reliance Security acted as an investigation was launched into the allegations which appeared in yesterday's Guardian. A Reliance spokeswoman said he had been suspended pending an immediate investigation. Reliance Security investigated the reports following an article by the paper's environment editor, John Vidal, who posed as a Frenchman to infiltrate the security team. Reliance said in a statement: "We are obviously studying Mr Vidal's story to assess matters of fact as distinct from expressions of opinion and literary colour."

Racist group settlement

THE Anti-Racist Alliance reached an out of court settlement with one of its former employees at an industrial tribunal yesterday, signalling the end of internal disputes that have blighted the organisation for almost two years. Anne Kane, its campaigns officer, claimed unfair dismissal after she was sacked from the organisation in February 1995. Ms Kane said she was forced to take sick leave in 1994 because of the increasingly acrimonious atmosphere in the office, and then sacked. The ARA accused Ms Kane of gross misconduct, claiming she had been attending meetings and events while claiming sick pay. The settlement was for an undisclosed sum with no mention of liability on either side. — Gary Young

Children lose HIV virus

AIDS researchers have confirmed that a tiny percentage of children born with HIV infection inherited from the mother can rid themselves of the virus. Like another puzzling group — those who, 10 or 15 years after first infection are still healthy — they may provide clues as to how to manage the virus. There are nine children of infected mothers, in Stockholm, Brussels, Genoa and Padua, who were born with HIV infection, says Marie-Louise Newell and European colleagues writing in the *Lancet* today. Seven are now HIV negative. They are all healthy, and all seem to have normal immune systems. The virus could still be detected in two of the children, even though HIV antibody tests indicated they were no longer infected. — Tim Radford

Island loses road

LUNDY, the National Trust island in the approaches to the Bristol Channel, has launched an appeal for £250,000 after recent gales and high tides washed away large parts of its only road. Tony Blackler, Lundy's agent, said yesterday that 75 per cent of the road had been broken up by the tides and fierce eight gales that have lashed the three-mile long island this week. Plans on the island's supply vessel will include a voluntary additional £2 per ticket, and an appeal is being made to the EU and other bodies for grants to help meet reconstruction costs. — Geoffrey Gibbs

Army quarters sell-off

THE Defence Ministry's efforts to sell off the armed forces' 60,000 married quarters have met with a good initial response, it was claimed yesterday. As the deadline for registering interest in the deal passed at noon, the ministry's agents, NatWest Markets, said "a couple of dozen" applications had been received, together with a fee of £15,000. Applicants include investment bankers interested in rents of more than £100 million a year; the ministry will have to pay the new owners to lease back the accommodation. — David Fairhall

Jumbo jet loses its way

THE crew of a British Airways Jumbo jet tried to land at an RAF base after mistaking it for an international airport nearly three miles away. The empty plane was flying from Heathrow to BA's maintenance depot at Cardiff airport, but took an incorrect flight path towards RAF St Athan. An inquiry is under way into the incident, which took place three weeks ago. Air traffic controllers alerted the pilot who turned away and landed at Cardiff.

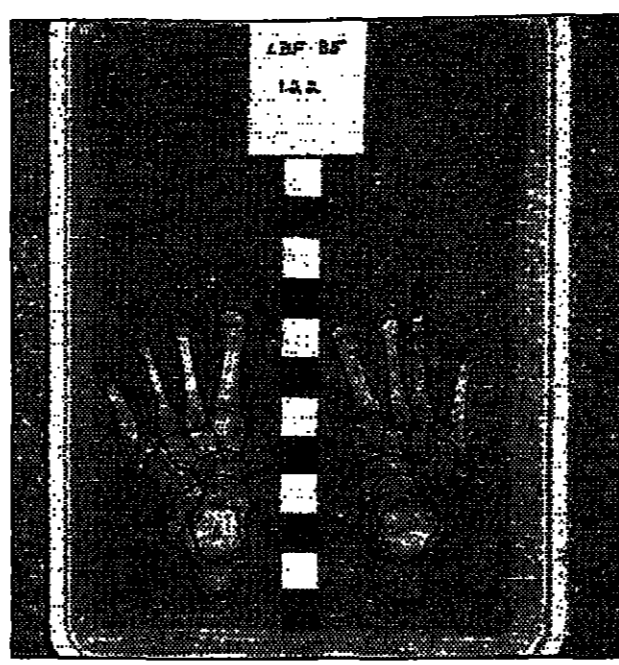
Animal exporter fined

A LIVESTOCK exporter was found guilty yesterday of failing to ensure that sheep were well kept. Roger Mills, aged 54, of Framlingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, was found not guilty at Lowestoft magistrates court of the more serious charge of causing unnecessary suffering to sheep and failing to be aware of codes of conduct relating to animal welfare. He was fined £750 and ordered to pay £750 costs.

Robert Gordon University

IT WAS stated in yesterday's Guardian that the 20 per cent of teaching staff at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, who are on short-term contracts are unlikely to have them renewed. The university said any inference that these temporary contracts were unlikely to be renewed at the start of the forthcoming academic year was "totally without foundation".

Ancient feet tip-toe into Saxon secrets

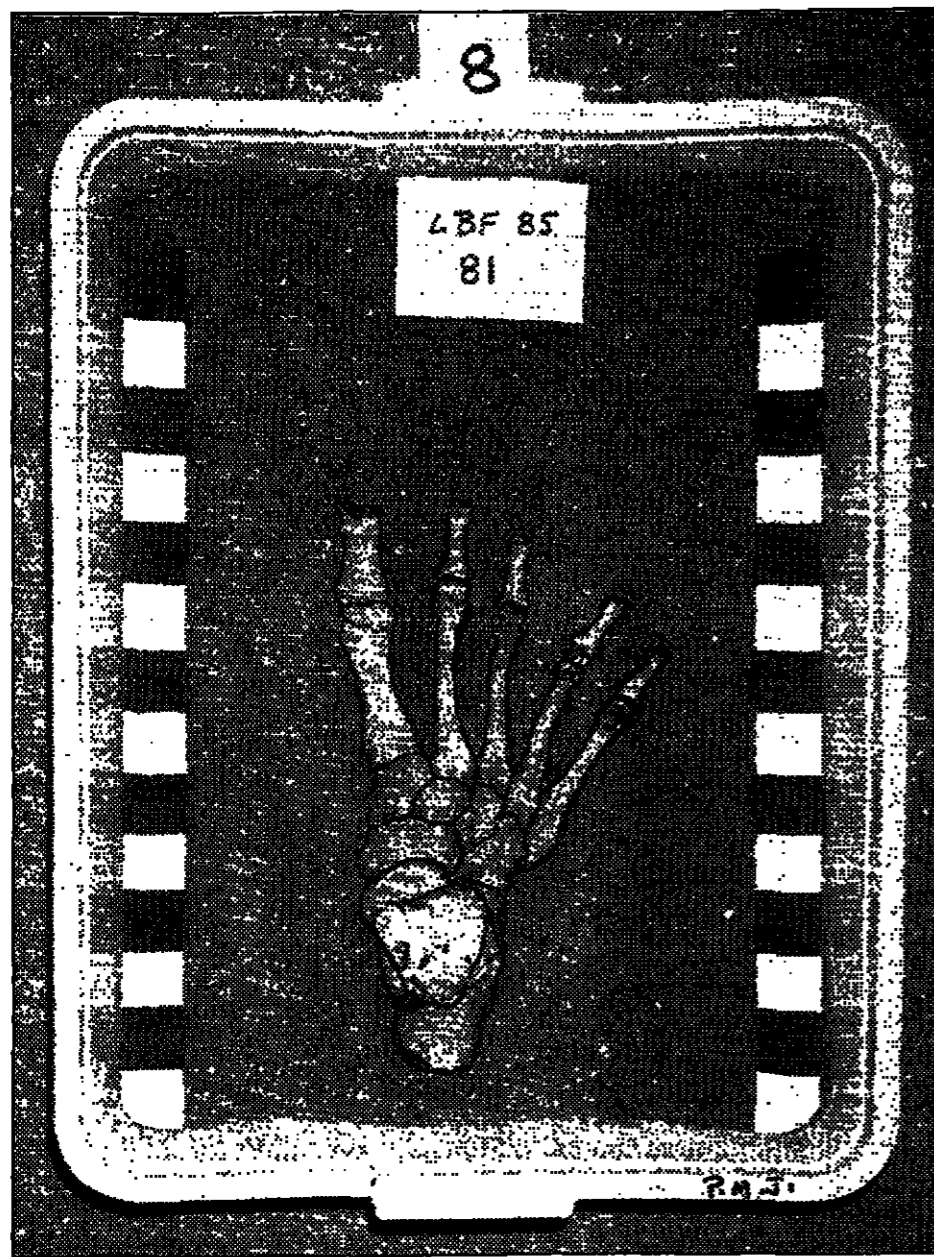


The feet of a resident of the Upper Thames Valley buried at Lechlade, which do not resemble the Saxon foot

Maev Kennedy on clues in bones

FEET from all over the world are beating a path to the door of a retired chiropodist in Gloucestershire, since she published her theories on foot types and the movement of ancient peoples. Phyllis Jackson, aged 79, is literally tracing the footsteps of the Saxon invaders of Britain, who arrived in the 5th and 6th centuries. Her appeal for photographs and measurements of feet from Russia and central Europe has brought a mass of material, which she is still working through. Ms Jackson is travelling the country to study foot bones from British excavations. She has solved some fascinating archaeological problems, including spotting a deformed foot and deducing that a mysterious

piece of metal buried with a young woman was part of a caliper. The feet she can borrow she reassembles in a sand tray at home, measures, and photographs. From her studies she is convinced that a distinctive "Saxon foot" survived — and survives still — and can clearly be distinguished from indigenous foot types buried in the same ancient cemeteries. The cuboid bone, next to the bones of the little toe, is distinctive in the Saxon foot. She saw that in general Saxon feet were associated with rich ornaments, whereas local feet went unadorned to their graves. Ms Jackson became interested in the problem during her professional career, when she found some patients had difficulty buying shoes because their feet were an entirely different shape from the standard commercial last. The pattern of invasion, and the rate at which the Saxons intermingled or settled and merged with the indigenous population, is of great interest to archaeologists. Ms Jackson, whose theories were first published in *Current Archaeology*, went on to compare her indigenous foot types from the Saxon period with Neolithic remains, and says the native type changed very little over 3,000 years. She believes that the foot type may help map and prove the origins of Indo-European languages, which is why she is now interested in Russian feet.



Ms Jackson's picture of the foot of a Saxon male in the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Lechlade

US firms buy into private care homes

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

GIANT American healthcare companies — one involved in a multi-million dollar corruption and fraud scandal in the United States — are buying into British firms to profit from the huge private nursing boom brought about by the expansion of NHS community care. The Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, has frozen money for community home inspections for the third year running, and auditors are increasingly concerned that councils and health authorities are signing deals without checking the details. An investigation by the

magazine *Business Age* published today has revealed that two major American companies now have substantial holdings in a number of large British firms heading a huge expansion of private beds. National Medical Enterprises of Santa Monica, California, recently renamed Tenet, was prosecuted in the United States in 1993 for \$380 million billing frauds by the federal and 28 state governments. The company owns 41 per cent of Westminster Health, the second largest community care company in the United Kingdom, which has 4,551 beds in 87 homes. Sun Healthcare of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has bought a 20 per cent stake in Ashbourne Homes, the sixth largest nursing home com-

pany in the UK, with 1,599 beds in 19 homes. Sun Healthcare's wholly owned subsidiary, the Sundance Rehabilitation Corporation, has been indicted by the FBI in a billing fraud in Seattle, Washington. The American interest in Britain's booming nursing homes stems from profits. Andrew Turner, chief executive of Sun Healthcare, says the company realises profits of around 20 per cent on UK operations compared with 8 per cent in the United States. The growth of private nursing homes has been phenomenal. In 1987 there were 52,000. By 1993, there were 168,200. Private residential places for the mentally ill have increased from 764 out of 6,540

to 5,900 out of 14,300. Auditors and local authority inspectors have said health authorities are signing deals without checking the arrangements. An Internal Department of Health circular warns: "A number of contracts with providers have been questioned by auditors because they have incurred commitments before the extent of the need for services in question had been or could be satisfactorily evaluated." The Audit Commission has started an inquiry into fraud in the community care sector after reports from auditors on the handling of contracts. The National Association of Inspection and Registration Officers has warned that rising number of complaints about private homes are threaten-

ing to overwhelm its work. Alan Milburn, Labour health spokesman, said: "I view with alarm the disclosure that American companies — one with a record of fraud and corruption — are investing in British care homes. The Government has pursued this privatisation policy regardless of the needs of the users of the homes. "The Government is gambling with millions of pounds of public money by signing contracts with the private sector without always checking the situation." Mr Milburn said he had tabled Commons questions demanding what action ministers would take to regulate the homes and protect the public from unscrupulous operators.

Redwood hits out at hospital closures and bureaucracy

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

HOSPITAL closures and swollen bureaucracy are denying patients a proper choice in the NHS, Tory right-winger John Redwood warned yesterday. Hospitals threatened by reorganisation should be kept open on public demand and managers redeployed or given voluntary redundancy. Mr Redwood told a conference on the future of the NHS, sponsored by the Guardian. Restating his dissident stance in his party leadership challenge last year, the MP for Wokingham made clear he would remain publicly critical of Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell's stewardship of the NHS. Mr Redwood indicated that Mr Dorrell, in ordering English health authorities and trust to cut management costs by 5 per cent in cash terms, has gone nowhere near far enough. "Does the Department of Health itself need a 20 per cent increase in staff," he asked, referring to managers being absorbed into the department on abolition in April of the regional health authorities. "Would not more doctors and nurses be preferable?" The conference also heard from Sir Duncan Nichol, former NHS chief executive, who chairs the Healthcare 2000 inquiry, which warns that the NHS must consider options such as rationing of care, charging for services "extras" or fostering private insurance. Sir Duncan accused politicians of seeking to suppress this debate because it was too uncomfortable. "We were saying there were hidden issues. It suited vested interests to keep them submerged." The Institute of Health Services Management and drug company Glaxo Wellcome were also conference sponsors.

Muslims reject lottery funds to build mosques

Martin Wakwright

THE Curse of the Lottery turned up on cue yesterday to dull the Prince of Wales's call for a "spiritual millennium" to replace the party hats and fireworks planned for the year 2000. The royal suggestion of using National Lottery funds to build places of worship, including mosques and Hindu temples, fuelled an increasing debate in religious circles about the use of "tainted" gambling money. And the Millennium Commission, subject of the Prince's criticism, rejected his claim that the celebrations would lack a spiritual dimension. Chief executive Jennifer Page pointed to the predominance of environmental projects in applications so far received. "There is a great deal of spirituality in the commitment to improve the environment in the town and country."

Britain's Muslims in particular are under pressure not to accept lottery funding, with arguments continuing over a £375,000 grant from the National Lottery Charities Board to the Sanghat community centre in Kelghley, West Yorkshire. An uneasy truce has followed a local decision that the money is acceptable for social work and combating poverty, but a minority of centre members remain unconvinced. The senior member of Bradford's Council for Mosques executive, Sher Azam, said no Muslim would accept gambling money for directly religious purposes such as building a mosque. "We do not wish to be churchish," Mr Azam said. "We are very grateful to Prince Charles for his interest and support. He has shown there is a need for a spiritual dimension to the celebrations and that this has not been attended to. "Our mosques are also central to our community life and any help with building

them is warmly welcomed, but we cannot take money from gambling any more than from crime." Rejecting millennium funds is a big sacrifice for the city's 60,000 Muslim community, which is raising funds for three mosques in Bradford and one in Kelghley. Bradford's Hindu community gave a more general welcome to the prince's proposal. Hasmukh Shah, trustee of the World Council of Hindus, said: "We are able to accept money so long as it does not come from illicit or immoral sources." The Archbishop of Canterbury concentrated on Prince Charles's hope of something more substantial in the year 2000 than a "glitzy but essentially meaningless party". "The millennium should be a chance for deep reflection on the type of society we want, including the vital contribution of Christianity and other faiths. It should also aim to regenerate hope for those who are excluded from society."



Steve Bell, the Guardian cartoonist, received an honorary doctor of letters degree from Sussex university yesterday in appreciation of his "wit and integrity" PHOTOGRAPH ROGER BAMBER

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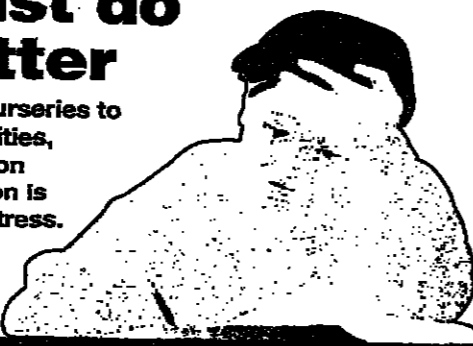
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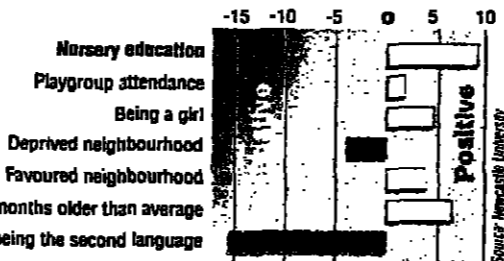
**From nurseries to universities, education provision is under stress.**



1979 Teacher government elected on pledge to cut public spending.  
1981 University budgets cut.  
1984-87 Teachers' pay disputes.  
1988 Education Reform Act brings in national curriculum for England and Wales, schools get own budgets and allowed to opt out of local authority control (grant maintained status).  
1990 Tests for seven year olds in England and Wales.  
1993-1994 Test boycott by teachers forces revision of national curriculum and tests.

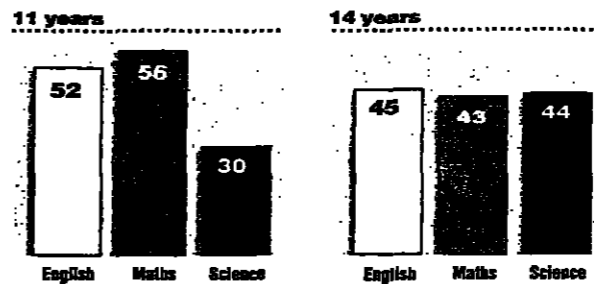
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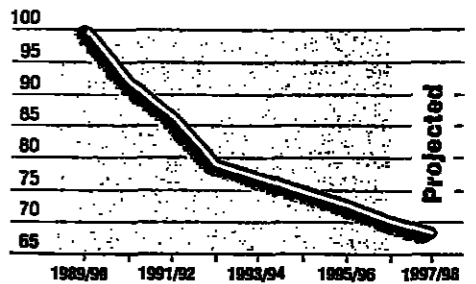
**Schools**

Percentage failing to reach expected standards.



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**Shepherd warns primary schools**

**Most pupils fail testing at 11**

**Schools**

John Carvel  
Education Editor

**T**HE Government acknowledged yesterday that English state primary schools were not doing well enough when it published results of the first national curriculum tests for 11-year-olds showing more than half were failing to reach target performance levels in English and maths.

Gillian Shepherd, the Education and Employment Secretary, said: "The results are telling us that a good deal remains to be done. They are frankly disappointing and we have got to do a very great deal better."

Only 44 per cent of 11-year-olds achieved the standard expected of their age group in maths and 48 per cent in English, although the score for science reached a more impressive 70 per cent.

The tests attempt to measure pupils' attainment in the core subjects at the end of key stages of the national curriculum. They ran smoothly last summer for two million children after two years of teacher boycott.

Mrs Shepherd tried to salvage some credit for the Government from the 11-year-olds' result. Without the tests, teachers and ministers would not have been aware of the problems which needed attention. New policies were already being put in place to secure improvements, including a review of teacher training.

She drew comfort from results of tests at 14. The proportion of children reaching the target standard in English rose from 48 per cent in 1994 to 56 per cent last year. Although there was a marginal decline in science and maths performance, the target standard was achieved by at least 57 per cent of the age group.

And at age seven, over three-quarters of the pupils reached or exceeded the level of performance in English, maths and science which was set to stretch them.

Mrs Shepherd published proposals from Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority, for improving teacher assessment and testing techniques. She said she

was particularly interested in his proposal for a calculator-free maths paper for 14-year-olds.

She suggested parents might reasonably ask local authorities to publish performance tables.

The Association of County Councils advised authorities not to comply. "That would risk simplistic and potentially misleading analysis with individual schools being ranked without regard to circumstances."

Improving yesterday's disappointing results would become increasingly difficult for education authorities as the full impact of government funding decisions took an increasing toll on school budgets, staffing and facilities.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said many of the problems at 11 were caused by an overloaded curriculum and "unrealistic demands on teachers to become, almost overnight, specialists in up to 10 subjects."

The National Union of Teachers queried the discrepancy between good results at seven and a deterioration by 11. Flaws in the tests for 11-year-olds might be due to problems with external marking.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which represents most primary heads, said it was wrong to draw conclusions from the first year of testing at 11.

"However, there is no doubt we have to drive English and maths results up fairly significantly, and we will."



Pupil poll... Girls at Woodcote High School, Coulsden, were among those in Croydon's survey PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

**Pupils 'call for firm but fair teachers'**

**Children given their say make authorities take notice. Donald MacLeod reports**

**C**HILDREN want discipline but a lot more encouragement from teachers, according to a study of their motivation in school.

The survey for the London borough of Croydon, to be published next week, found that the shabbiest of schools depresses pupils. They complain about too much homework, and while boys rather like a school uniform, girls loathe it.

"I like teachers that are kind and listen to you, that are a bit strict, because if they are too kind people muck around and you can't get anything done," a girl of 13 said.

The children's opinions are being studied by the authority's school improvement working group, and its schools will be expected to take them into account.

Three age groups of boys and girls were interviewed by researchers: nine to 14-year-olds (Year 5); 12 to 13-year-olds (Year 8) and 15 to 16-year-olds (Year 11).

Attitudes varied between boys and girls and changed as children grew older, but there was consensus that teachers should be "firm but fair". Pupils resented individuals being victimised or the whole class being kept in.

The teacher's enthusiasm and sense of fun counted for a lot. "Mr C makes his English lessons wicked, and you just want to go to every single lesson," a girl of 13 said, while a 16-year-old said of her teacher: "I don't think he wants to be a teacher: people just don't enjoy his classes."

The children wanted more encouragement, including stars and house points, and complained of too many punishments. Even in junior school some boys were collecting "bookings" to boost their "herobattle" status.

Too much homework, especially that seen as pointless, and unmarked work were among the gripes.

Valerie Shawcross, who chairs Croydon's education committee, said it was material to respond to. "We wouldn't want to accept everything at face value."

The borough's £11 million backlog in school repairs was reflected in

many comments. Crumbling and cold buildings, depressing classrooms, filthy and unusable toilets were criticised.

Primary school pupils were much more positive. Ms Shawcross said primary emerged as schools run on encouragement, praise and love, while secondaries were run on discipline, instruction and rules.

"Secondary children seemed to be nostalgic for the good time they had in primary school. There is a lot that can be done with

**Coupons scheme 'open to fraud'**

**Nurseries**

John Carvel  
Education Editor

**T**HE Government's nursery voucher scheme could create a flourishing black market in which parents who do not want nursery education for their four-year-olds would sell their £1,100 coupons to other parents or corrupt providers, the Audit Commission said yesterday.

"The scheme will need powerful procedures to prevent fraud," it warned. About £750 million worth of vouchers "will pass through hundreds of thousands of pairs of hands as they transfer the funds from the Exchequer to the proprietors of these 40,000 separate institutions."

This number of transactions would need careful monitoring. "The problem will come if providers get in cahoots with parents. It could be like what we see in the health service. You would not expect GPs and pharmacists to get together to defraud the Government, but in certain circumstances they do," said one official.

The £2.7 billion-a-year nursery and playgroup sector is about to be radically changed by the voucher legislation which received its second reading in the Commons earlier this week.

The scheme is opposed by Labour and the Liberal Democrats. The report contained compelling evidence of the value of pre-school education and its lack of availability in

many parts of the country. Research at Newcastle university showed how children with a year's half-time nursery education scored much better than ex-playgroup pupils or those who had no pre-school education when they arrived for assessment in primary schools.

The nursery experience gave children four or five months advantage and added more to a child's attainment level than living in a favoured neighbourhood or attending a playgroup, the commission said.

Although girls tended to be more advanced than boys, there was more benefit from going to nursery than from being a girl.

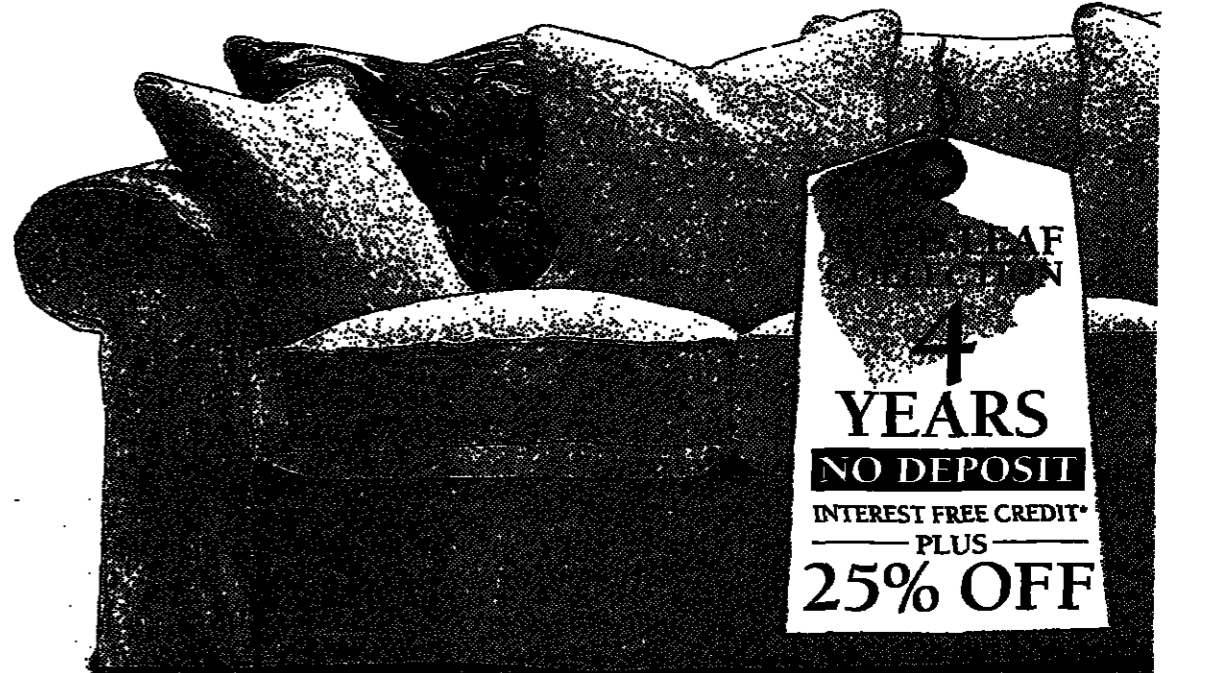
But getting the opportunity of this flying start in education before the age of five depended on the chance factor of where a child lived. "It is almost a lottery," Andrew Foster, the commission controller, said yesterday.

The proportion of three and four-year-olds getting a free nursery or school place ranged from 90 per cent in Knowsley to 26 per cent in Hereford and Worcester. Even within a local education authority area availability of places was patchy.

The commission found local authorities were giving increasing priority to provision of under-five education and day care, now spending £1.4 billion a year. A further £1.3 billion was spent in the private and voluntary sectors, largely funded from fees paid by parents.

Hourly costs ranged from 25p per child in playgroups staffed by volunteers to £3.50 in nursery schools.

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**Lecturers urge united protest**

**Universities**

Donald MacLeod  
Education Correspondent

**L**ECTURERS yesterday called on vice-chancellors and students to join them in a national one day protest against funding cuts.

Members of the Association of University Teachers will vote on national action and university and college employers will be asked to agree to the closure of institutions.

Joanna de Groot, the union's president, said plans for a one day national stoppage during which universi-

ties and higher education colleges would invite parents, politicians and employers on to campuses to see the standard of work. One in six of the electorate had experience of higher education or contact through a relative.

The new alliance agreed between university heads, the lecturing unions and the National Union of Students (NUS) at a secret summit last week has been threatened by proposals by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) to impose fees.

Vice-chancellors, who are due to meet next week, are deeply divided as to how to tackle the funding crisis which they say means a £550 million cut in real terms over

three years. But they are wary of direct action.

They are split over introducing tuition fees. Strong opposition to top-up fees came from Teesside university where the board of governors condemned the CVCP proposal. Derek Fraser, the vice-chancellor, said 40 per cent of their students were mature, many changing career as heavy industry in the area was run down. "Top-up fees would spell the kiss of death to our plans to widen participation and overcome the traditional reluctance of young people in this area to go on to higher education."

While student numbers have soared to 1.5 million, funding per student has

dropped by 30 per cent since 1989. Lecturers say their pay has fallen 37 per cent behind the professions as a whole but yesterday calls for strike ballots over pay were rejected by the council.

Tim Murphy, president of the NUS, said they would not agree to having to pay fees up front. "It would mean students being accepted on the basis of their parents' bank balances and not their ability to study."

With lecturers and vice-chancellors strongly critical of the Labour Party's failure to set out a policy for funding higher education, the union council yesterday voted for action through to the general election and beyond.

**PM blunts Blair attack with taunts**

**Commons**

Rebecca Smithers  
Political Correspondent

John Major replied to Tony Blair's attack on the Government's education policy yesterday by taunting him over his decision to send his son to a grant-maintained school and accusing Labour of wanting to deprive parents of choice.

MPs at Commons Question Time were surprised that the Labour leader had chosen to tackle the Prime Minister on the issue, given the row over shadow health secretary Har-

riet Harman's choice of a selective grant-maintained school for her son.

But Mr Major made it clear that the Tories intended to keep reminding the opposition of the failure, which triggered the most destabilising week for Mr Blair since he became leader 18 months ago.

Conservative Central Office disclosed yesterday that it is to set up a "hypocrisy watch" to monitor Labour MPs on issues including education, crime, housing, welfare, jobs, discrimination and children.

Mr Blair asked Mr Major: "Would you agree with me that the test results for 11-year-olds in English and maths are appalling?" and added: "Will you confirm that

the problem isn't merely with 11-year-olds, but the GCSE results a few weeks ago showed a decline?"

To uproar on the Labour benches, he said: "These were children born under a Conservative government, sent to school under a Conservative government, educated under a Conservative government, and the failure is not theirs but that of the Conservative government."

Mr Major replied: "If it is the Conservative government that has failed, perhaps you can explain why some of your friends remove their children from Labour education authorities and have them educated under Conservative ones?"

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# Clinton's setpiece address makes his ratings soar Edgy Republicans set to dump Dole

**Martin Walker**  
in Washington

**A** WAVE of alarm has seized the Republican Party in the wake of President Bill Clinton's state-of-the-union address on Tuesday. The chances of their front-runner, Senator Bob Dole, capturing the White House in November now look slim.

"Bob Dole cannot and will not beat Bill Clinton," said Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, one of Mr Dole's main rivals for the Republican presidential nomination.

ABC-TV reported an unprecedented 75 per cent approval rating for Mr Clinton's address.

His performance was followed by what even the Republican talkshow host Rush Limbaugh called "a lackluster reply by Mr Dole."

With opinion polls already showing Mr Dole losing to Mr Clinton by a 10-point margin, Mr Limbaugh spoke for many in the party yesterday when he said: "The Republicans ought to be able to beat those unindicted co-conspirators Bill and Hillary Clinton with absolutely anybody."

"They just gotta find him," Mr Dole's opinion poll leads of 30-40 percentage points in the Republican nomination race in the first caucus state, Iowa, and the first primary state, New Hampshire, have dropped to low single figures.

Although still the best-funded and best-organized candidate in the race, with the endorsement of most of the party hierarchy, Mr Dole is now running 10 points behind the challenger Steve Forbes in Arizona.

The sulking at Mr Dole from his presidential rivals was predictable, but still wounding.

"Bob Dole lost the battle of ideas," said the rightwing firebrand Pat Buchanan.

"Bob Dole sounded like what he is: just another Washington politician," said Mr Forbes.

The gathering strength of a "dump Dole" movement was palpable at the Republican national committee's fundraising event on Wednesday night, when more than 3,500 wealthy donors rose to cheer the candidates that never was, retired General Colin Powell.

"Run, Colin, Run," they chanted, despite his firm decision not to stand for any

office this year. They also cheered Speaker Newt Gingrich, another non-candidate for the presidency. He gave the keynote speech to the dinner, which raised funds for this year's congressional campaigns.

Tickets were \$1,000 a head, which should have netted \$3.5 million. But the lure of special titles and special access and lunches with Mr Gingrich and Mr Powell brought the total to \$16,240,000.

Mr Clinton's poll ratings have soared after each state of the union address, an annual setpiece occasion tailor-made for his rhetorical skills. With Hillary Clinton due to appear before a grand jury today to answer some sharp questions on Whitewater, it was a political boost the president sorely needed.

A test group of uncommitted voters, including former supporters of Ross Perot, gathered by the Washington Post said by a ratio of 9:1 that Clinton had "won the evening by a mile".

The group had "an extremely negative, almost visceral reaction to Dole and his hardball address," the Post reported.

# Mandela to meet fiery US Muslim

**David Beoresford**  
in Johannesburg

**T**HE black American Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan has been granted a meeting with President Nelson Mandela at the weekend, despite disagreement in the ANC whether he should be made welcome.

The controversy surrounding the racist and anti-Semitic Mr Farrakhan, who is on a world tour, was increased yesterday by reports from Libya that he and Muammar Gaddafi had agreed on a plan to fight for the racial partition of the United States.

Colonel Gaddafi was quoted as saying that Mr Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam organisation, would found a black state with "the biggest black army on the planet".

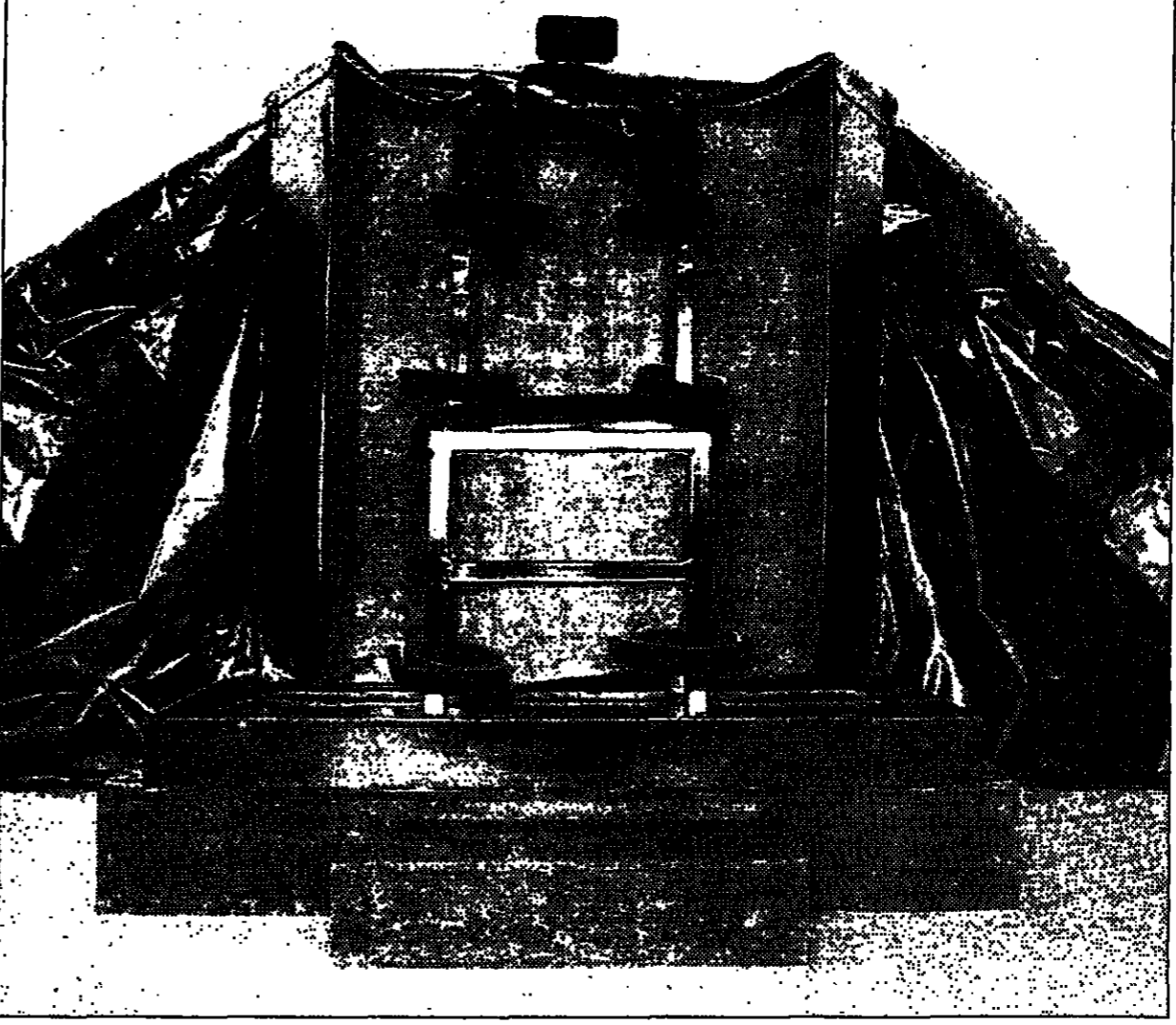
A spokesman for Mr Mandela confirmed yesterday that the president — who has been at pains to befriend the local Jewish community — will meet Mr Farrakhan at his Pretoria home tomorrow.

The ANC has tried to distance itself from the visit by a man who has described Jews as "blood-suckers", called the Pope a "no-god cracker" and supported a call to South Africa's blacks to butcher the whites. Earlier this week it said his arrival should be seen in the context of South Africa's constitutional commitment to free speech and freedom of association.

Its statement expressed the hope that Mr Farrakhan's visit would "help him understand why the majority of our people, previously oppressed and exploited, are so passionately opposed to religious intolerance and the oppression of women".

The official Libyan news agency, Jana, quoted Col Gaddafi yesterday as saying that, at a meeting with Mr Farrakhan on Tuesday, they had agreed to mobilise "in a legal and legitimate form" the oppressed minorities in the US: blacks, Arabs, Muslims and native Americans.

Headed by the Nation of Islam, the coalition of minorities would fight US elections with "a card stronger than the Jewish card". They would be able to have a black state in America "because they have half a million blacks in the US army, enabling them to set up the biggest black army on the planet".



The chair, surrounded by sandbags, in which John Albert Taylor was due to be executed by firing squad early today

# Execution horrors set off doubts

**Jonathan Freedland**  
in Washington and  
**Ian Katz** in Salt Lake City

**A**RANGING, a death by firing squad, and a bungled lethal injection have ignited a national debate on capital punishment, long accepted by most Americans as a fact of judicial life.

As Utah marksmen prepared to shoot a convicted man for the first time since Gary Gilmore in 1977, activists condemned two judicial killings in Delaware and Virginia within 24 hours of each other.

Billy Bailey, convicted of killing an elderly couple in 1978, was hanged in Smyrna, Delaware on Wednesday night — the first use of the noose there for 50 years.

Bailey, aged 49, was escorted to a specially constructed gallows in the yard of the Delaware Correctional Centre just before midnight. His legs were bound and his



Hanged: Billy Bailey, who murdered an elderly couple

step toward public execution. Bailey's lawyer, Edmund Lyons, described the execution as "medieval and barbaric".

Capital punishment is rarely debated in the US, where it has become a matter of virtual political consensus. With nearly five executions in the country each month, only unusual cases, like those in Delaware and Utah, capture public attention.

Most states now prefer lethal injection — but even that can go wrong.

On Tuesday, Virginia prison officers took 20 minutes to find a vein in the body of the convicted murderer Richard Thomas, on death row since 1976.

Medical staff struggled to find an opening for the tube, as witnesses and reporters looked on.

Eventually the fatal mixture was inserted in the convict's right foot.

In Utah meanwhile the prison authorities held a dress rehearsal yesterday for the firing squad execution of the child killer John Albert Taylor, aged 36, scheduled to die in a converted warehouse shortly after midnight this morning.

Taylor was moved early yesterday to the "death watch" cell near the execution chamber, where he was kept under constant observation.

He spent much of yesterday with his lawyer, Chris Rogers, who reportedly agreed to his request not to try to talk him out of letting the execution go ahead.

An uncle who was to witness the execution also visited him.

Since Taylor, sentenced to die for the 1988 rape and murder of an 11-year-old girl, has not exhausted the appeals process available to death row inmates, he could have won a stay almost up until the order to fire was given.

He has said he would rather die than live on death row.

# Taiwan shares drop as Chinese threat mounts

**Andrew Higgins**  
in Hong Kong

**F**EAR that China could move from rhetoric to rocket attacks to tame Taiwan sent share prices tumbling in Taipei yesterday and stirred anxious debate in other Asian capitals about Beijing's surging economic and military power.

The fitters were provoked by a New York Times report that China's 3-million strong People's Liberation Army (PLA) had drafted a plan to fire one missile a day for 90 days as early as this spring.

The Chinese foreign ministry did nothing to assuage anxiety about how far the PLA might go to halt what Beijing sees as Taiwan's drift towards independence under President Lee Teng-hui.

Retreating from its initial assertion that claims of imminent military action were "totally groundless", a spokesman declined to comment yesterday on "speculation", repeating Beijing's customary refusal to rule out the use of force.

"If Taiwan authorities stick obstinately to their wrongful positions, the interests of the Taiwan people will ultimately be harmed," the chief spokesman, Chen Jian, said.

Reports of Chinese contingency plans to attack Taiwan first emerged late last year in Hong Kong, when the PLA declared the coastal region facing Taiwan a "war zone", held a mock invasion on a Taiwan-like island off Fujian, and set up a new joint command centre on Taiwan.

Yet China's strategy seems

to rely heavily on psychological warfare. With Taiwan due to hold its first democratic presidential elections in March, Beijing wants to step up pressure against President Lee, the likely winner.

Mr Lee's opponents have campaigned on the promise of better relations with China. "He is the origin of the chaos," Chen Li-an, a conservative candidate, said.

Few believe China has the military hardware, the training or the political will to risk a full-scale invasion likely to ignite a regional conflagration.

The US refuses to say if it would step in — a policy called 'strategic ambiguity'. But, as China awaits the death of its 91-year-old paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, bellicose nationalism has become the safest policy option for the insecure new generation of leaders around President Jiang Zemin.

The Taipei stock market fell nearly 2 per cent, through a crucial 5,000-point barrier, yesterday and the central bank intervened to prop up the Taiwan dollar.

The United States, Taiwan's protector in the past, refuses to say whether it would intervene against the PLA — a policy described by the Pentagon as "strategic ambiguity".

A US military attaché was expelled from China this month for "spying" on the PLA in Guangdong, near

Hong Kong and Taiwan. President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, Anthony Laka, met US China experts to assess mounting evidence of belligerent intent by powerful elements in the PLA.

China and Taiwan last clashed seriously in 1988, when the PLA bombarded Quemoy and Matsu islands. Washington rushed six aircraft carriers towards the East China Sea under the terms of a mutual defence treaty torn up in 1979, when Washington established diplomatic relations with Beijing.

Taiwan was a Japanese colony from 1895 until 1945 and is still closely linked to Japan, economically and sentimentally.

In Tokyo yesterday the prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, told parliament: "Although China has already abandoned its use of armed force... we don't see the possibility of any immediate military action."

Less publicly sanguine is the Philippines, which confronted Beijing last March in the South China Sea over rival claims to the Spratly Islands. "China is perceived as the threat, with its land mass, people and military strength," the commander of the Philippines air force, Lieutenant General Arnulfo Aceveda, said.

China's most likely military options range from missile attack to a naval blockade. Or, as in 1988, it could target Taiwanese-held islands, such as Jimmen, for example. "China knows it would lose only a few thousand yards off the mainland."

# Beijing holds strong hand in play for African allies

**Taipei's offer of aid for recognition may win it only diplomatic small change, Howard French reports from Abidjan**

**S**INCE the dissolution of the Soviet Union, cold war superpower rivalry in Africa has given way to a new contest for the continent's allegiance.

China, with the world's largest population and one of its fastest-growing economies, is competing for influence against Taiwan, a small, insecure, but cash-rich capitalist country which Beijing considers a runaway province.

For countries which have faced diminishing assistance from the West, the competition has meant a vital new source of aid.

For the two Asian powers, what is at stake is not idealism but Africa's votes in the United Nations, and — especially for long-isolated Taiwan — the prestige lent by official recognition abroad.

Taiwan has showered large sums of money on some of Africa's most cash-hungry countries, and recently mounted a diplomatic blitz on the continent, establishing ties with 10 countries at the expense of Beijing, which automatically suspends relations with countries that open embassies in Taipei.

Senegal, Taiwan's biggest breakthrough so far and a diplomatic leader among French-speaking African countries, established rela-

tions with the island this month, ending 50 years of cooperation with Beijing.

The move surprised diplomats and a huge national stadium in Senegal, and used its weight in the UN and elsewhere to support pro-African initiatives, from anti-apartheid to debt relief.

On a tour of west Africa only a few weeks before Deng's announcement, a Chinese deputy prime minister, Li Lanqing, paid what Chinese diplomats described as a "very fruitful" visit.

Although the Senegalese government has released no information about aid offered by Taipei, the vigorous opposition press has speculated about monetary assistance.

Other African countries, such as Gambia and Niger, have been enticed by Taiwanese aid. Western diplomats say Taiwan gave Gambia as much as \$35 million (\$23 million) when it recognised Taipei, and it is reported to have helped pay the salaries of Niger's civil servants at a time of fiscal crisis.

Chinese diplomats say that, with their own overwhelming development needs, they are handicapped in such a bidding war.

"We established relations with African countries in the

1960s and 1970s, at a time when these countries needed political and economic assistance, and we have been doing everything it is within our means to do," Tian Xiang, the first secretary of the Chinese embassy in Abidjan, said. "We don't understand this. We regret it very much."

But diplomats here say that, even as poorer African countries are being lured away by Taipei, Beijing is consolidating relations with many larger states.

With Ivory Coast, Beijing is pursuing a chocolate-producing joint venture that could sharply increase China's cocoa consumption. In Zaire, diplomats say China has signed contracts for huge projects, opening the way for a market share in areas such as transportation and mining.

China has increased trade and investment in Sudan. The same is true in Nigeria, which — like Zaire and Sudan — has been attacked in the West for human rights abuses. Last month, China signed a \$200 million (\$245 million) contract to modernise Nigerian railways, and it has agreed to build two large power stations there.

"Beijing might not like to see the Senegals and Gambians turning their backs on them, but, just like the cold war, they see this as a battle of endurance," one European diplomat said. "What this erosion hides is that China still holds most of the strong cards and is not likely to lose them." — New York Times.

# Love me or leave me, Simpson tells TV viewers

**Jonathan Freedland**  
in Washington

**I**N HIS first television interview since being acquitted of double murder, O. J. Simpson attacked the victims' families and said he was trying to carry out the verdict. "If you don't love me, leave me alone," Mr Simpson implored viewers.

Asked what he was doing on the night his wife, Nicole Brown, and her friend Ron Goldman were murdered, and about their bloodstains in his car, Mr Simpson chuckled. "You can find out for \$29.98", referring to a new commercial home video he is marketing. Adverts throughout the broadcast urged viewers to order the video.

Mr Simpson's evasions so exasperated the interviewer, Ed Gordon, that at one point he pleaded: "Come on, Mr Simpson, tell America something for free." Mr Simpson said he was gagged by a contract with the producers of the video, and because he was being sued by the families of Ms Brown and Mr Goldman for the wrongful death of their children.

He attacked the Brown family for releasing pictures of a beaten Nicole and said he was "pissed" at Ron Goldman's father, Fred.

"Don't tell me about mourning and suffering, I sat in a cell by myself. They wouldn't let me speak to another prisoner," Mr Simpson said.

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Diary  
Matthew Norman

VENUE, the Bristol listings magazine, holds an annual readers' poll at Christmas, and this year it received a reply in a House of Commons envelope. Whether it was a brilliant forgery, or genuinely the work of one of the city's Conservative MPs, the respondent listed his favourite TV show as *Casualty* (the show the Tory Cabinet most loathe), and selected Paddy Ashdown as both "best comedian" and "outstanding global politician". He would not confide who he would most like to play "oil the celebrity" with. However, the MP — who the magazine says has a minute majority — did answer a question about his voting intentions for the next general election, albeit with the words "Don't know". I call Bristol North West MP Michael Stern. "Venue has been coy about the MP," he says. "I'm Mr Stern, who sends a remarkably jolly chap for someone with a majority of 45, and I think I'll do the same". A sound decision.

HALL this crazy Fleet Street merry-go-round never come to a stop? After all the chaos at the Daily Mail, a similar exodus is driving Sunday Times editor John Witherow demerit with worry. Already staff and several big-name columnists have been poached by new Sunday Express editor Sue Douglas. Mr Witherow's former deputy, while several more are expected to follow them very soon. "He's in a terrible mood," says an old Sunday Times hand, "and he's come over all imperious." Mr Witherow has hung on to one top reporter, though: Maurice Chittenden is now earning £75,000 per annum. As an extra inducement, he will henceforth work a four-day week — an adorable irony, this, as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the move to Wapping. Mr Murdoch would be thrilled.

FOR the eighth working day in succession, I leave a message on the Central Office answerphone of my unopposed friend Dr Julian Lewis; and for the eighth day, he fails to return my call. If you've seen the little fellow in Smith Square, or anywhere else, for God's sake call and put the Diary's mind at ease. Until then, the vigil goes on.

I AM astonished, and extremely distressed, by a clearly fictitious report by my so-called rival "the Independent". The down-market rag's diarist describes a visit to Parliament in which he came upon the BBC's Huw Edwards being shouted and even sworn at by a mystery man. This enigma, it later transpired, was my friend Dr Julian Mandelson, the avocado-faceted member for Hartlepool. Apparently, Mandy was screaming at Mr Edwards concerning the BBC's coverage of the Harriet Harman story. What nonsense. You may expect spin doctors to behave like thugs, but Mandy says he has moved on from that side of political life: the idea that Labour's spokesman on the Civil Service — not to mention a likely cabinet minister of the future — would demean himself and his position so crassly is utterly preposterous. The Independent is lucky that Mandy is so sanguine about such matters, or the writ for libel would be a certainty.

AN outsider emerges in the search for our most amusing press or public relations office. It is Lloyd's Bank. Camouflage a cheque, I catch sight of a questionnaire for customers. "To help us maintain our legendary service..." it begins. Having banked with them for years, I find this intriguing, and ring the press office for an explanation. A man goes off to enquire, and soon (unlike Dr Julian Lewis) he calls back. "The word 'legendary'," he explains, speaking very slowly, as though he has an axe to grind, "is to make customers realise that service is improving all the time." I see, "legendary" refers to the future, not the past. "That's correct, yes. Legendary refers to ongoing improvements." Aha.

FROM the small ads column of Private Eye comes this: "Mary Bell... pensioner seeks funds to desecrate fat bastard's alleged grave. Box 0596."



WE CAN'T HIDE AN EMBROIDERED BRAID'S DEPRESSIONED FIRST

# Accidental lives south of the river

## Commentary Peter Preston

A Southwark resident and former member of the Schools Council writes:

SIR, As the sun sets on a week of richly enjoyable controversy, can I be allowed to venture the thought that most of the Harman debate (as relished by everyone but Ms H and Mr B) has little to do with the practicalities of education and almost everything to do with the politics of education — principles, pledges, policy statements? The stuff of dreams.

We keep talking about our education system. There is no system. English education didn't grow that way. Like the state of Italy, it was an assemblage of fiefdoms and situations on the ground put together long ago at local level through the old school boards, then murkily brought under council control. A (perhaps the thought) federal structure — with Whitehall not moving and shaking but issuing guidance in the hope that consensus might emerge. Bottom up, not top down. Full central control never was achieved, probably never could be achieved without a revolution, and has in any case been substantially reversed over the past 10 years. The Government has given up telling schools how they must organise themselves. It has chosen, instead, to instruct them more clearly what they must teach and by what criteria they will be judged. But back on the ground, old chaos reigns.

The point about chaos, of course, is that no snapshot of one fragment from the patchwork tells you anything useful about other shards and other patches. Take Southwark. It stretches from the derelict waterfronts of Bermondsey to the green hills of Dulwich where Margaret Thatcher once briefly lived. There are islets of gentrification, but the reality of Walthamstow and Peckham and the Elephant and Castle is cracked concrete, deprivation, struggle, trouble. Southwark is not a coherent entity. It has not grown as a balanced community. It is an arbitrary, almost accidental creation. Its schooling non-system, moreover, was settled *de facto* by another accident. At the southern leafier end lie three big public day-schools — one the "college" that taught PG Wodehouse and Bob Monkhouse. Their presence inevitably means that many parents have a practical choice between a state school and a private system, but between paying or not paying. The Southwark situation, untouched by generations of governments coming and going, the effective local "system", offers no dreams and few options. That's what there is, and it isn't going to change.

Harriet Harman had a particular problem, the problem of an MP forced to live near her constituents. She chose St Olave's in distant Orpington, which happens to be an unreformed grammar school left over from the timeary of the 1950s — a sort of San Marino — and, because there isn't a state system, to be free and academic and not private. In pragmatism, that was a cheap but tenuous political option. The full avoidance of "hypocrites" however, was much more expensive: it was to sell up in Southwark and move to Orpington, so that St Olave's became her local state school, buzz words of respectability. Now to the wondrous aspiration of Labour policy-makers, it assumes there is a system, therefore it believes that system can be improved. It treats Southwark not for what it is — an odd bit of a tatty quilt — but as representative of a national dilemma. More dreams. Southwark isn't Wandsworth, or even Greenwich. Camden isn't Brent. And London, if that's a meaningful educational concept, isn't the rest of Britain. Get out the map and look how the

# Why I will not be resigning

## Bel Littlejohn

AT THE start of this year, I, like tens of thousands of other people brought down, kicked and spat upon by this uncaring Tory government, was forced to go shopping in Harrods, a department store a few miles north of the river from Peckham.

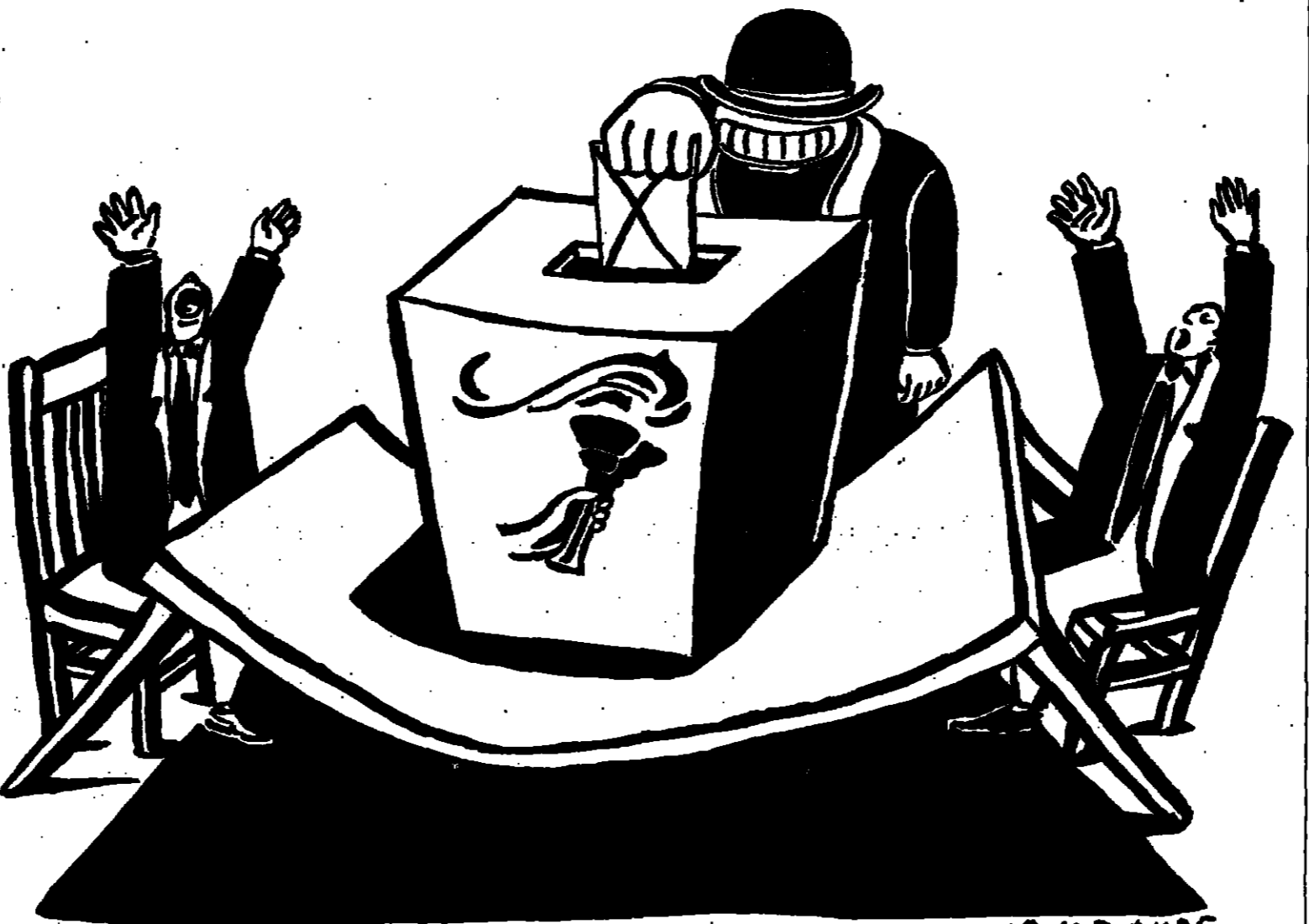


I had to make this choice, not only for myself, but also for my family. Living in an inner-city area, I decided that it would be right and appropriate if I were to spend my money to boost the employees of an inner-city department store. I did not wish to make such a choice. Labour did not create the system where we as human beings are making our choice. It is the miserable system that the Tories have left us with. I would much sooner have bought a couple of moulty satsumas from my local corner shop, run by a lovely, lovely Asian couple. But the Tories forced the notion of choice upon me, and so I chose the perfume counter at Harrods.

People accuse me of being a hypocrite or of operating double standards. But as I explained to Mr Al-Fayed as he escorted me around his shop, pointing out the bargain items (up to 30 per cent off pure linen sheets, 15 per cent off audio and hi-fi) well-suited to the purses of those who have suffered under 17 years of Tory rule. I am not nor have I ever been a hypocrite in public; and my private life must surely be my own affair.

Of course, I would have preferred not to have had to make the decision to buy some prime young tender veal at a cut-price rate. It would certainly have prevented the easy criticism that has come my way since I took that brave decision. No doubt it was ridiculously easy to dig through the old cuttings and to come up with the tired old news that I am the South of England co-ordinator of the "Action on Veal" committee, and that I was a key strategist at Brightlingsea. But it was the hopelessly discredited Major government which allowed the eating of veal in the first place. By purchasing veal for an inner-city dinner for 12, six of them women, one unemployed and one of them partially disabled, I was yet another innocent victim of the miserable system created by 18 years of the Tory jackboot.

It hasn't been an easy week, believe me. Perhaps the most vocal calls for my resignation have come from those of my colleagues in New Labour who disagree with my approach to reviving a state education system brought to its knees by the easy criticism that has come my way since I took that brave decision. No doubt it was ridiculously easy to dig through the old cuttings and to come up with the tired old news that I am the South of England co-ordinator of the "Action on Veal" committee, and that I was a key strategist at Brightlingsea. But it was the hopelessly discredited Major government which allowed the eating of veal in the first place. By purchasing veal for an inner-city dinner for 12, six of them women, one unemployed and one of them partially disabled, I was yet another innocent victim of the miserable system created by 18 years of the Tory jackboot.



# The sound of silence

## David Sharrock argues that Sinn Fein's shocked reaction to John Major's new Northern Ireland election plan in the wake of Mitchell indicates the fragility of the peace process

DURING the height of the first Home Rule campaign which began over a century ago, it was said that good English politics make bad Irish politics. This week John Major has given us the perfect illustration that history has a habit of repeating itself, and managed to insult an eminent panel of international figures into the bargain.

that Mr Major had consigned all but one of its paragraphs to the dustbin. In spite of Mr Major's discourtesy, it is worth taking the time to reflect on what the Mitchell report offered. It is imbued with compromise — the very spirit in which the IRA leadership called its ceasefire almost a year and a half ago, a development which they said was designed "to enhance the democratic process". By setting out six principles as a democratic test which the parties must pass, the Mitchell report has brought the question which lay behind the weapons issue full circle.

Affirming a "total and absolute commitment" to "democratic and exclusively peaceful means", "to renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force, or threaten to use force, to influence the course or the outcome of all-party negotiations" and finally to abide by the outcome of these talks or to use purely peaceful means in trying to alter them amounts to an implicit but crucial acceptance of the principle of consent. If Sinn Fein, and the IRA, accept, then John Major's original question — "is the ceasefire permanent?" — has been answered.

The report's rejection of Mr Major's demand for an arms gesture on weapons before talks was being played to maximum effect by Sinn Fein — before the election route was unveiled. That is hardly surprising. People who have taken enormous personal risks for peace need to show that it is paying dividends. English politicians have short memories when it comes to Ireland. Was it really only a year ago that the Northern

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The Earl of Warwick

The peer who ran away

THE EIGHTH Earl of Warwick — known to the House of Lords and the public chiefly as the peer who ran away — has died, aged 81, an 18-year tax exile at his home in Mijas, southern Spain.

The fear was not uncommon early in the Attlee administration but had mostly evaporated by the 1950s, except in the earl's mind. A year after he sold the castle, the dreaded Callaghan government fell to Mrs Thatcher.



Going for a song... the 8th Earl in Warwick Castle, which he sold to Tussaud's in 1978

Don Simpson

A top gun's fatal attraction

THE DEATH of Hollywood producer Don Simpson at the age of 52 is almost a parody of eighties Tinseltown, the brash decade that brought him overwhelming success and wealth but not the ability to deal with them.



High life... Simpson on the set of Top Gun between stars Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis

Birthdays

Elizabeth Attridge, food quality expert, senior civil servant, 62; Anita Baker, singer, songwriter, 38; Michael Bentine, comedian, 74; Timothy Clifford, director, National Galleries of Scotland, 50; Martin Dunn, editor, New York Post, 41; Jules Feiffer, cartoonist and

playwright, 67; Stéphane Grappelli, jazz violinist, pianist, composer, 88; Eddie Van Halen, rock guitarist, 38; Christopher Hampton, playwright, 50; Kim Hughes, cricketer, 42; Rt Rev David Jenkins, former Bishop of Durham, 71; Eartha Kitt, singer, 68; Anne Macfariane, Minister of the Court of Protection, 66; Bill McLennan, former head, Government Statistic

Professor J Howard Purnell

Buoyant brain of the Tafia generation

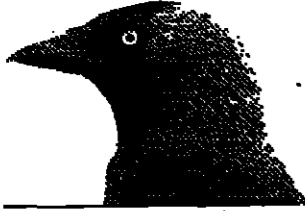
PROFESSOR J Howard Purnell, who has died aged 70, was among the most forceful, sharpest and yet most entertaining scientists of the post-war era. He was a pioneer of analytical techniques which, during the past four decades, have revolutionised environmental and industrial monitoring throughout the world and led, among other things, to the breathalysers.



Purnell... his discoveries led to the breathalysers

what was then an embryonic and speculative field of research, developed the science and laid the foundations of extremely accurate and sensitive quantitative analysis by gas chromatography, going on to develop high-speed gas chromatography. Within a decade Purnell has become a world leader in this field: within another few years, because of its practical importance, quantitative gas chromatography became embodied in the routine technical arm of laboratories throughout the world. Purnell's three books on the subject are seminal.

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Risky business

HUMAN BEINGS have a seemingly fundamental tendency to compensate for lower risks in one area by taking greater risks in another. Consider, for example, the results of a famous experiment conducted several years ago in Germany. Part of a fleet of taxicabs in Munich was equipped with antilock brake systems (ABS). The rest of the fleet was left alone, and the two groups — which were otherwise perfectly matched — were placed under careful and secret observation for three years.

ter brakes to make for safer driving. But that is exactly the opposite of what happens. Giving some drivers ABS made no difference at all in their accident rate; in fact it turned them into markedly inferior drivers. They drove faster. They made sharper turns. They showed poorer lane discipline. They braked harder... They didn't merge as well and they were involved in more rear-end collisions. In other words, the ABS systems were not used to reduce accidents; instead, the drivers used the additional element of safety to enable them to drive faster and more recklessly without increasing their risk of getting into an accident. As economists would say, they "consumed" the risk reduction, they didn't save it... Why are more pedestrians killed crossing the street at marked crosswalks than unmarked ones? Because they compensate for the "safe" environment of a marked crossing by being less vigilant about oncoming traffic. Why did the introduction of child-proof lids on medicine bottles

lead, according to one study, to a substantial increase in fatal child poisonings? Because adults became less careful in keeping pill bottles out of the reach of children. Risk homeostasis [the theory that the identification of a risk does not necessarily make a system safer] also works in the opposite direction. In the late 1960s, Sweden changed over from driving on the left-hand side of the road to driving on the right, a switch that one would think would create an epidemic of accidents. But, in fact, the opposite was true. People compensated for their unfamiliarity with the new traffic patterns by driving more carefully. During the next 12 months, traffic fatalities dropped 17 per cent — before returning slowly to their previous levels.

switching over from one side of the road to the other on a regular basis. Malcolm Gladwell, jurgles chaos and risk in Blotup, his New Yorker article marking the 10th anniversary of the Challenger space shuttle disaster. Gladwell argues that disasters such as Challenging and Chernobyl should not be considered "accidents" but instead the logical product of the technological systems on which they, and we, depend.

Mr Wrong

Q. Is this story more about race or gender? A. It's more about gender. A lot of people have misread this film. They think it's about women trying to find Mr Right. I see it as the opposite: what happens when all you look for is someone and they always are Mr Wrong because you don't really discriminate. Or that becomes your preoccupation, relying on someone else for your happiness.

point. It's the women I'm more interested in, in terms of why we choose men over women? That's what my concern is. What it says about us. I would say it's about gender and self-esteem, because men make bad choices as well. Q. How universal is the war between the sexes? A. I don't like to think of it as a war. It's really sad to have to use that term. What's universal is the texture of our relationships. It's evolving. Times are changing with the women's movement. Men's roles are being redefined and, in some ways, they're confused. They don't know, in some cases, what's expected of them... They have to learn all over again. Women do, too. Every body's role has gotten complex. Q. What's the solution? A. We just have to carry on... A lot of people are paying attention to this film, for whatever reason... For me, it was almost like a wake-up call to say: "Gee whiz, we go our own way for you guys. If you went out of your way for us, our relationships would

be more powerful, more loving, laughing, stronger, compelling, enriching, enlightening, all of it." Terry McMillan, author of Waiting To Exhale, interviewed by the Los Angeles Times. The movie of her book is released today.

Go for bronze

ON THE playing fields of life, as in aesthetics, less is often more. People who achieve less may be happier than those nearer the top of the heap. Take Olympian athletes. "Those who perform better feel worse," reports Thomas Gilovich, PhD. He found that bronze medal recipients are happier with their achievement than those who win the silver. Indeed, second-place finishers appear especially crestfallen. And as athletics go, says the Cornell University psychologist, so go many other situations.

The reason? We are creatures of comparison, constantly contrasting our present position with what might have been. Silver medalists, for example, focus on an agonising degree on what they failed to achieve. "Finishing second," Gilovich explains, "is truly a mixed blessing. Coming close to the gold automatically activates frustrating images of having almost won it all." They think only about the prize that got away. When bronze medalists consider what might have been, they can only imagine not finishing at all. And that gives them much to be happy about.

"After all," says Gilovich, "the third-place finisher gets something special — a medal, a ceremony. To finish fourth is to be just one of the field." This asymmetry of comparisons — second-place finishers looking "upward" at the gold, third-place finishers comparing themselves "downward" to the rest of the field — explains why bronze medalists are often happier than silver ones. Consider Abel Kiviat, who took home the silver in 1912 for the 1,500-metre race... Seventy-seven years later, at the age of 91, Kiviat was still focusing not on what he had achieved but what he didn't. "What the heck happened to me? It's like a nightmare," Psychology Today investigates the culture of winning and losing in Doing Worse, Feeling Better.

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# Finance Guardian

## Bank tries to tidy up its act

Notebook

## United's threat to utility's future

Larry Elliott  
Economics Editor

THE Bank of England has undertaken a radical shake-up of its decision-making and management structure in an attempt to improve its operation and restore battered staff morale.

Bank's six senior staff. Senior sources at the Bank said the overhaul was long overdue. It was designed to make staff feel less remote from the decision-making process. "In a sense, the Bank has not really been managed and these changes are intended to remedy that," one said.

and reorganisation of the Bank into monetary stability and financial stability wings.

established a Policy Committee, chaired by Mr George, to discuss specific questions, such as what the Bank should say about interest rates at its monthly meeting with the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

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Edited by Alex Brummer

HAVING gained control of Norweb in November, the well-remunerated North West Water boss, is losing no time in shaking up the structure of his new super-utility.

dapper head of supervision, has posed the same question to the world's bankers. Instead of a Colt 45, Mr Quinn's mighty loaded gun is the high technology networks of payments and settlements systems through which the world's interbank transactions are settled.

Three times in the last decade, according to Mr Quinn, the international financial system has been threatened by crises — at Drexel Burnham Lambert (in 1990), the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (1991) and Barings (1995). Cynics might note that Mr Quinn should know. After all, the Bank of England's supervision of the last two-named institutions was subsequently the subject of fierce criticism.

Clearly Mr Quinn believes luck has played a part and that attention should be paid to the supervision of payments and settlement systems, as well as institutions, perhaps by setting minimum international standards. The method remains in doubt but suggestion that it should be done indicates a growing awareness of the systemic risks now inherent in individual failures.

## Bond prizes bigger, but rates cut in lottery wars

Teresa Hunter

GAMBLING crazy Britons can now win even bigger prizes from premium bonds after the success of the £1 million prize yesterday prompted the Government to raise the stakes in the competition with the National Lottery.

But National Savings yesterday announced that it was cutting the interest rates across its range of investment accounts and bonds — and reduced the overall return from premium bonds from 5.2 per cent to 4.75 per cent — to reflect falls in base rates.

From May the prize-winning odds will no longer be fixed, but it is expected that three savers will pocket £100,000 instead of two, five £50,000 (up from three) and 11 £25,000 (four). Up to 28 £10,000 prizes (18) and 56 £5,000 prizes (26) are anticipated, but the number of £50 and £100 prizes will fall.

The prize pool has almost doubled to £5.9 billion since the £1 million monthly prize was introduced in April 1994. The Government is reluctant to continue playing bookie on such a grand scale indefinitely.

A National Savings spokesman said: "Premium bonds are a victim of their own success. The current scheme has proved more popular than we might have expected. We have to keep control of the costs which accompany such a rapidly growing operation."



Standing firm... Liverpool dockers on picket duty yesterday seek reinstatement as number one priority

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## Sacked dockers look set to reject £8m offer

Martyn Halsall, Northern  
Industrial Correspondent

SACKED Liverpool dockers last night looked set to reject an £8 million peace package aimed at ending the four-month dispute which has cost the Port of Liverpool £4 million in lost business.

But shop steward Terry Teague said the men and their former employers were still "poles apart". He declared: "I don't think this will be accepted by the men because we have always argued that reinstatement for everyone was our number one priority."

The offer marked the first major concession by the MDHC since the dispute began on September 28 and emerged as the company predicted pre-tax profits of not less than £31 million in 1995, after deducting losses of £7.3 million.

The company, which made record profits of £33.5 million in 1994, has set £4 million for losses from the dispute and a further £3.3 million for losses on Eurolink.

A provision for the proposed pay-offs, of a further £7 million to £8 million, was not included in the 1995 pre-tax profits forecast, the company said.

## Brussels jibs at £80m Jaguar aid

## Airtours holiday bookings tumble

Heseltine at centre of clash with European Commission over subsidy package to car manufacturer. CHRIS BARRIE reports

THE Government was heading for a clash with Brussels last night after it emerged that European Commission officials could demand cuts of up to 10 per cent in state aid for a £400 million factory for Jaguar cars.

ward investment project was brokered by Michael Heseltine as Trade and Industry Secretary — shortly before he became Deputy Prime Minister.

The aid is in two parts. Aid worth £32 million for infrastructure improvements and training — indirect aid — was an early stumbling block but now appears to have been cleared.

But EC officials calculate the Government's cash payments of £48 million is over-generous. Although the gap between the DTI's grant and the EC's analysis is said to be narrow, the two sides cannot agree on the cost of component supplies.

One source close to the talks said yesterday that Ford was unlikely to pull out of the investment over the sums at stake. But he said that there would be a furious row — not least within the Conservative Party — if it did.

The group is doing worse than most in the industry. Mr Crossland said summer bookings for the industry as a whole were down 28 per cent at December 31, although his group had seen an improvement since mid-January.

## News Corp and MCI pay £455m for last US satellite slot

Nicholas Bamforth  
Technology Editor

RUPERT Murdoch's News Corporation and British Telecom's American partner, MCI, yesterday snatched up the last satellite broadcasting slot, providing nationwide coverage in the United States for \$682 million (£465 million).

"We have over 20 million customers in the US and we plan to promote not only consumer, but also business services," the MCI spokesman said. "For example, software, training programmes, and corporate information could all be delivered by satellite."

vider of satellite TV entertainment. The final \$682 million price tag was at the top end of industry analysts' estimates.

AT&T, MCI's biggest rival in the telecom business, is also going into satellite TV. Earlier this week, it side-stepped the FCC auction by agreeing to buy up to 30 per cent of Hughes Electronic Corporation's DirecTV satellite service — the industry leader.

The group's shares were underpinned by Mr Crossland's statement that talks were continuing with the US Carnival Corporation, which might lead to the US group taking a 30 per cent stake in Airtours, and help it expand its cruise business. The shares closed at 426p, up 4p.



Lucky lady

CLINT Eastwood's shaming detective "Dirty Harry" Callahan once, memorably, asked a villain: "Do you feel lucky, punk?" Rather more politely, Brian Quinn, the Bank of England's

## Business angel banks £37m in bio-tech share bonanza

Ian King

Kevin Leech, the reclusive "business angel" based in Jersey, pocketed a £37.5 million bonanza yesterday after cashing in part of his stake in ML Laboratories, the bio-technology company he floated on the stock market nine years ago.

Mr Leech, who originally invested in ML 12 years ago, raised the cash when the separate Milner Laboratories company, in which he holds a 68 per cent stake, placed 13% million of its shares in ML with City institutions at 400p a time. He has retained a majority 54 per cent stake in ML, which at last night's closing share price of 457p is worth £33 million.

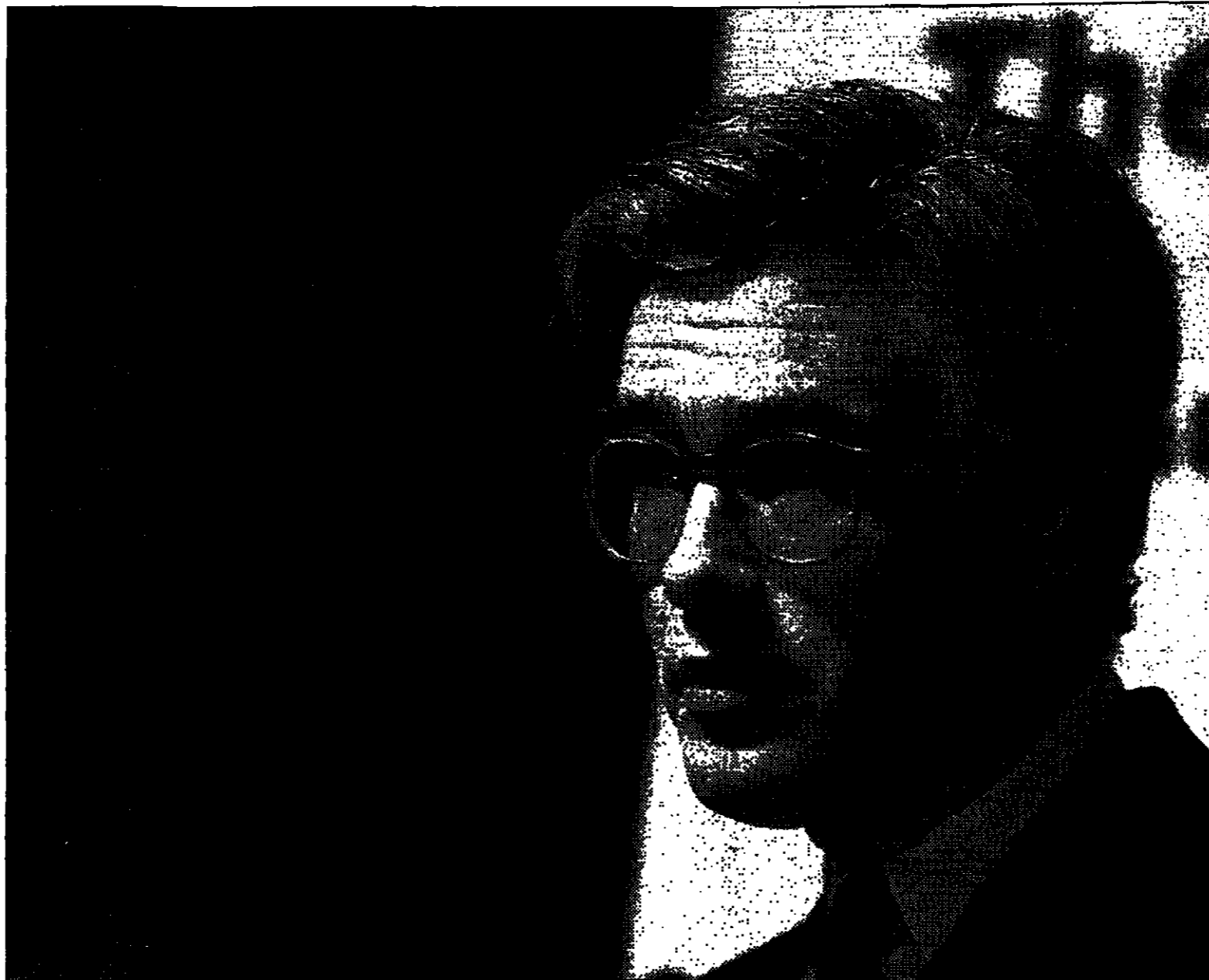
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Labour and TUC hail backing from employers' leader for Blair's stakeholding 'big idea'

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Adair Turner, director-general of the CBI



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CBI chief backs high wages

Larry Elliott Economics Editor

**A** SPEECH from the head of the CBI advocating higher wages for workers as a central plank of a stakeholder society was seized upon last night by the Labour Party and the TUC as evidence that they were winning the battle of ideas with the Government.

Adair Turner, director-general of the employers' organisation, said rising real wages were not a long-term threat to prosperity and it was vital that flexibility in the labour market also delivered security and the feelgood factor. Reflecting the fear within business that job insecurity is hampering growth, Mr Turner said: "This may sound like a statement of the blindingly obvious, or some kind of mythical utopia. "But our goal as wealth creators must be to develop a framework which gives individuals opportunities, prospects and participation in the economy's success — dare I say a stakeholding?"

Mr Turner's groundbreaking intervention came a fortnight after the Labour leader, Tony Blair, made the need for an inclusive stakeholder society the centrepiece of the Opposition's economic strategy in the run-up to the general election. A senior Labour source said last night: "We very much welcome this recommendation by the director-general of the CBI on the importance of stakeholding in industrial success."

The Government is seeking to counter Mr Blair's stakeholding notion with its vision of making Britain the "enterprise capital of Europe", but Labour believes Mr Turner's speech is an illustration of how its big idea has more resonance with the public than Mr Major's. "We believe that it is very important for a fair society that everybody should have a

stake in the community, but we are also firmly convinced that economic success depends on every employee having a stake in the future of their company," the Labour source said. "What the director-general is recognising is that economies which grow fastest are those with companies who involve their workers in the future of the company. "We have long argued that the route to competitiveness for Britain is not down the road of low wages and cheap labour, but of building a workforce with high skills and high technology."

The TUC general secretary, John Monks, described the speech as thoughtful. "It clearly recognises that a valued, well-motivated workforce is good for business. In agreeing pay levels, unions and employers need to work together to combine fairness and flexibility. This is the way to promote competitiveness and protect individuals at work."

Mr Turner predicted that, over the long term, average earnings would outpace price rises. "This will not be economic suicide, if reward is driven by the right factors; namely, sustainable productivity and profitability improvements — the very things that deliver rising per capita income."

Lack of direction blamed for failing UK film industry

Roger Cowe

**T**HE UK film industry needs a radical rethink of its business methods if it is to survive, according to a report published today which also backs calls for more government support to the industry. Film 2000, produced by accountancy firm Casson Beckman, says the industry has suffered from a lack of government interest despite its huge export potential. But the study, based on research among media executives, also blames the film industry for poor business planning and marketing. These conclusions stem from the views of 800 respondents to a question-

naire from the accountancy firm. Asked what were the main barriers to international success, they cited the difficulty of raising finance and the lack of government support, but more than half also said that the industry's poor marketing held it back. "Those seeking finance often fall at the first hurdle if their projects are not accompanied by an appropriate business plan," the report says. It suggests that film makers could raise more money by presenting professional business plans to a wider range of financiers than the traditional co-producers and distributors. Terrestrial and satellite television stations are one option seldom pursued.

They could also reduce risk for investors by raising finance for a portfolio of films rather than individual ventures. Alternatively, film makers could attract more investment by developing strong niches rather than being generalists. Criticism is also levelled at the marketing of those films which do get made. The report calls for more promotional spending and more innovation, to break away from the concentration on television and poster advertising at the time of launch. "More creative approaches that follow less traditional solutions could raise awareness and the interest of customers," the report says.

Sindy snubs Barbie's takeover advances

Outlook/ Mattel's bid for Hasbro, to bring together the world's best-selling dolls, has ruffled toyland, says Pauline Springett

**F**ORGET TIGGY and Diana. The big question is whether arch rivals Barbie and Sindy will make friends and move in together. If US toy maker Mattel gets its way, they will. Mattel, maker of the world's best-selling toy, the ever-youthful Barbie doll, has launched a takeover bid for Hasbro, manufacturer of Sindy. They are the world's two largest toy makers and, merged, would form a colossal company with about \$6 billion (£4 billion) in annual sales and 40 per cent of the US toy market.

Serious talks between the two groups have been under way since April, but a happy union appears far from certain, thanks to Hasbro's reluctance and fears that the merger would flout US monopolies laws. John Hammerman, Mattel's chairman, threw off the shroud of secrecy earlier this week with a public letter to Hasbro saying he wanted to go ahead on a negotiated basis. "I hope that by making our proposal public, Hasbro shareholders will communicate to your board their strong desire for this transaction," he wrote. But the \$5.2 billion offer — 73 per cent above the market price — was instantly rejected by the Hasbro board. Alan G. Hassenfeld, Hasbro's chairman and chief executive, dismissed it as "incredibly presumptuous". He said it would inevitably trigger close scrutiny by the US equivalent of the UK's Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

He added that Hasbro's lawyers had advised that the chances of the deal receiving the blessing of the US authorities were "extremely low". Nevertheless, the US markets found the prospect of a merger very enticing. Certainly the cost savings could be substantial — Mattel has started a first-year saving of at least \$100 million, with more later. Hasbro shares soared by 40 per cent on Wall Street as the US market digested the impli-



Billion-dollar smile... Barbie is part of mega toy firm plans

cations of the deal. US analysts noted that Mattel had a proven track record and that the two companies would fit very well together. They added that the merger would be largely complementary as Mattel and Hasbro overlap in relatively few areas. Two notable exceptions are their infant and pre-school businesses and dolls. Mattel had sales of \$3.2 billion last year. As well as Barbie (and of course Ken), its best-known brands are Cabbage Patch Kids, Fisher Price, Hot Wheels and Disney toys. Hasbro is smaller, with sales of \$2.7 billion, but also has a clutch of big brand

News in brief

British Gas loses battle for levy

BRITISH Gas suffered a setback yesterday when the Government refused to impose a levy on gas customers to bail the company out over costly "take or pay" contracts. Reserving the right to act later if needed, energy and industry minister Tim Eggar said his decision followed "encouraging indications of progress" in talks between BG and gas producers over the terms of long-term contracts worth up to \$40 billion — a view confirmed by Amerada Hess, a leading independent producer. British Gas insisted that the power to raise a levy would have been "a sensible insurance policy". The group said it would be "inequitable" for its shareholders to bear the costs of gas contracts incurred as part of the restructuring of the gas market. — Chris Barrie

Eurotunnel 'blackmail' plan

SMALL shareholders in Eurotunnel may seek to protect the remaining value in their shares by blocking any financial restructuring plan presented by the 220 creditor banks, French sources said yesterday. Shareholders may try to force the banks to adopt a strategy that takes better account of shareholders' interests. "Blackmail is the only weapon at the disposal of the 720,000 small Eurotunnel shareholders if they don't want to get a raw deal in the financial restructuring," the sources said. — Echele

Sixth top woman for Laura

ANOTHER woman has joined the top management team at Laura Ashley. The company announced yesterday that Kathy Self would take charge of North American retail operations on February 5. She joins the chief executive, Ann Iverson, and four other women on the group's 10-strong executive committee. Ms Self worked previously with Ms Iverson at the US company KayBee Toys after a career in US retailing. — Roger Cowe

Daimler pressure on Reuter

EDZARD Reuter, chairman of Daimler-Benz between 1987 and 1995 and architect of a huge expansion, is now considered financially ruinous, is under pressure to resign from the company's supervisory board, according to sources in Frankfurt and Stuttgart. This follows Daimler's decision this week to withdraw from Fokker, the Dutch aeroplane-maker, and announcement of likely record losses last year of DM6 billion (£2.7 billion). — David Gow

Lookers buys Ulster dealer

LOOKERS, the car-dealership group, is making its first investment in Northern Ireland — the fastest-growing economic area in the UK. It is paying £25.3 million to acquire the Charles Hurst dealership and expects it to enhance earnings in its first full year of ownership — even after allowing for the effect of a proposed one-for-three rights issue. — Tony May

Burton warns on profits

BURTON warned yesterday that it remained cautious about results for this financial year, despite sales growth of 6 per cent in the first 20 weeks. The chairman, Sir John Hoskins, told the annual meeting: "The lack of overall growth in the retail clothing market forces us to remain somewhat cautious on the trading outlook for the full year." For the 20 weeks to January 20, however, Debenhams' sales were 3.6 per cent ahead of last year, while sales of the multiple chains, including Burton, Top Shop and Dorothy Perkins, were 8.5 per cent higher. — Roger Cowe

AT&T result depressed

AT&T's 1995 profits were virtually wiped out by losses at its computer division and the cost of restructuring its operations prior to the planned break-up of the group in 1997. During 1995, net income fell from \$4.7 billion (\$3.1 billion) to \$139 million. Sales rose 6 per cent to \$79.6 billion. — Nicholas Barnister

Coca-Cola UK record

COCA-COLA had another record year in the UK with sales growing by 11 per cent. Worldwide, Coca-Cola saw an 8 per cent rise in sales with income before tax increasing by 12 per cent to \$925 million (£740 million). In the UK, Coca-Cola held the highest share of total take-home volume, selling twice as much as all other labels combined and three times the nearest branded competitor.

Boeing flies higher

BOEING, the US civil and military plane-maker, revealed that fourth-quarter profits to December 31 rose to \$218 million (£145.3 million) against \$167 million the previous year, but said performance was held back by a machinists' strike. — AP-DJ

Tate offshoot squeezed

SWEETENER and starch group Tate & Lyle warned yesterday that profits of its US subsidiary Staley would be lower than in the last two years because of higher maize costs and tough competition. Higher profits elsewhere in the group will leave the total profit "broadly comparable" to last year. — Roger Cowe

Cable chief sidelined

ALAN Bates has been shunted aside as chief executive of Bell Cablemedia, Britain's third largest cable operator. He is being replaced by Dan Somers, a former senior executive of Bell Canada International, the group's largest shareholder. Bell Cablemedia, the result of a 1994 merger of the UK cable interests of Jones Interchange, Cablevision and EnCom, was floated in July the same year on the US Nasdaq market. The main shareholders wanted someone with more operational experience. Mr Bates becomes managing director of industry affairs. — Nicholas Barnister

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Tennis

David Irvine reports from Melbourne on a semi-finals day when the joint world No. 1 needed all her grit and wit

Seles sinks inspired Rubin

NEVER count out Monica Seles, however perilous her predicament. Yesterday, here at the Australian Open, Chanda Rubin on her own service was within two points of beating the joint world No. 1 for a place in the final. Yet that was as close as she was allowed, so tantalisingly near yet so frustratingly far. It was an all too familiar conclusion.

Seles produced a devastating finish to squeeze home 6-7, 6-1, 7-5 after almost two hours of intense competition; in contrast Huber, whose predictability she showed to be a more vulnerable challenger, simply went down Amanda Coetzer to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. As contests, the two semi-finals were at totally different levels.

bin collapsed once more. Of the last 16 points she won only two, including a Seles double fault. It was a sad anticlimax. Rubin herself felt that her biggest mistake was in going all out on a second serve at 5-3 and 6-15. It was her turn then to double fault. "It was just a little bit out there if I had to do it again I'd try and make sure my first serve was good."



A close-run thing... the athletic Rubin shows how to very nearly beat Seles



Saturday showdown... finalists Seles (left) and Huber

Racing

Threat to VAT concession

Graham Rock on the continuing row over sponsorship

CUSTOMS and Excise intend to take a firm line with owners who have registered for VAT exemption but who fall to demonstrate that they are running their horseracing interests as a business.

Doncaster with form guide

Table with columns for race numbers, horse names, jockeys, trainers, and odds. Includes sections for 1.00, 1.35, 2.05, 3.40, and 4.10.

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Results

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Tomorrow's cards at Ayr, where a precautionary inspection will be held at 10.45 today, and Cheltenham are looking increasingly doubtful.





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# Sports Guardian

## Gazza faces assault charge

Paddy Agnew in Rome

**PAUL GASCOIGNE** was yesterday summoned to appear in a Rome court next October to answer assault charges brought against him by a photographer, Lino Nanni.

The charges relate to an incident in downtown Rome on January 24 1994 at which time the England midfielder, now with Rangers, was playing for the Serie A club Lazio.

Under Italian law Gascoigne does not have to attend the hearing and can choose to be represented by lawyers. But if his own testimony could prove vital to his defence his lawyers may encourage him to attend.

Nanni alleges that he had to undergo hospital treatment after an assault by Gascoigne, who had become furious when the paparazzo followed him up and down fashionable Via Borgognona during a shopping outing with his then girlfriend Sheryl Kyle.

The photographer claims that Gascoigne became so angry that he resorted to physical violence to induce him to hand over the rolls of film just shot. At the time, Gascoigne's version of the incident differed from that of the photographer, with the Briton alleging that it was Nanni who first resorted to violence.

"He caught hold of me by the neck... so I responded to him in the way my daddy taught me," he said at the time of the incident. He claimed he had attempted to persuade the photographer to respect his privacy.

Many of Gascoigne's teammates at the time were sympathetic to the player. His club captain Giuseppe Signori said: "It's getting so bad that soon they'll be following us to the loo. I never walk about in downtown Rome."

## THE CRICKET WORLD ON TENTERHOOKS FOR ITS GREAT ENIGMA



Taking a relaxed view... Brian Lara puts his feet up in the stands at Port of Spain

PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID CARRIS

# Lara faces his greatest test

**Paul Weaver finds Trinidad expectant as the island welcomes back its favourite son**

**BRIAN LARA** captains Trinidad against Barbados in the opening game of the Red Stripe Cup today and will hold a bat in a serious match for the first time in almost half a year. It is not only the Bajan bowlers who feel a little

nervous; world cricket has sweaty palms, too.

In the game's stakeholder society everyone has a share in its most fabulous talent, and in truth it does not look an entirely safe investment. Yesterday, for the second successive day, he failed to

turn up on time for practice at Trinidad's Guaracara Park. "I think he might be having a net on his own today," said a doubtful, patient voice. "No one seems sure."

The trouble with Lara is that he rather resembles the Port-of-Spain street vendor who holds a cocoon in his left hand and splits it open with a single, mighty blow from his glistening machete:

he always seems on the edge of epic self-destruction.

As they rolled the pitch at Guaracara on Tuesday the pre-show publicity stills looked terrific. Half an hour's drive away, Lara appeared as affectedly relaxed as a chat-show host as he

posed for pictures and with his gentle smile succeeded in looking even prettier than the dramatically beautiful Queen's Park Oval.

He talked too, reflecting on his infamous decision not to tour Australia. Now, after his inclusion on Tuesday in the West Indies squad for next month's World Cup, and his reassurance of his future commitment to the team, he said: "I am longing to get back and get into top gear for the World Cup, and I don't have much time; this will be my only game in the Red Stripe."

"I needed to back away from cricket. I even backed away from golf and put my feet up. I needed to get away from the game as part of my obligation to my people and the cricketing world.

"It was a mental thing. The stress of international cricket

is tough. When you play the game for 11 or 12 months a year you can suffer from acute fatigue syndrome."

There was a half-smile here because this was clearly a tongue-in-cheek reference to the West Indies captain Richie Richardson, who left Yorkshire in the middle of the 1994 season with just such a condition.

Beside him was Joey Carew, a mentor-minder figure since the premature death of Lara's father. "Brian was very tired, physically and emotionally. And everything came upon him much too suddenly for him to be able to cope. Look, if you won the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend it? But what he did was emotional. There was no hidden agenda. It was not done to undermine the captain."

This was all reassuring stuff, but there was a third figure in the room at Queen's Park Oval. Neville Bernstein, a clothes manufacturer from Durban, South Africa, is chief executive of Lara International, formed in October, which sells cricket equipment and clothing. The pair were Turn to page 15, column 1

## Grunt and the great among rugby's young



Frank Keating

**T**HE summons by the England rugby squad to the 18-year-old Yorkshire schoolboy Paul Sampson may have caused a flutter on the back pages of the daily prints yesterday but, had there been time to burrow and delve into the game's comparatively skimpy archive, the scholarly among sub-editors might have hesitated about making such a colourful splash of Master Sampson.

Eighteen! The great K G "Grunt" MacLeod was only 15 when he was selected for Scotland in 1903 but his headmaster at Fettes refused to let him play. Too rough, he said, and "Grunt" had to wait until he left school at 17 and the first All Blacks came to Inverleith.

This finding states bark can warm a freezing day. Here is another crazy fact unearthed yesterday: the three youngest players in international rugby history were each exactly 17 years 36 days when the ball was kicked off in their first international.

There was obviously a more enlightened headmaster at Edinburgh Academy, for two of them came from there: Ninian Finlay (v England 1875) and Charles "Hippo" Reid (v Ireland 1881). The third of this threesome was the All Black Lui Paewai, who played against Australia in 1923.

If they were exactly the same age at their auspicious kick-off, Finlay gets the historians' vote. Though Paewai was playing against "Australia" in effect, in those days the national rugby union team called themselves only New South Wales; and Reid had five leap years logged at the time of his debut, Finlay only four.

"HIPPO" turned into one of Scotland's most celebrated forwards, the back Finlay was rugby's first superstar north of the border. R.J. Phillips, that early logger of the lore up there, wrote of him: "There was never such glamour and reputation attached to a man till the great Don Wauchope reached the zenith of his powers." In the first match for the Calcutta Cup, at Edinburgh's Roseburn Place in 1879, Finlay secured a famous draw with a late drop goal in which, reports said, "he es-

ayed his brave kick with three Englishmen hanging on to him".

In comparatively modern times the most warming chestnut is of Wilf Woollier's first match for Wales in 1933. At Rydal School one Fleck the pupil held up his hand in the middle of a lesson. "Permission to leave class, sir?" "Of course not, Woollier. Sit down, there's no possible reason for you to leave class, sir?" "Well, how do I get to London, sir, to play for Wales at Twickenham, sir?"

Nice one that may be but not true. The whole school had been in a tizz since he had lit up the final Welsh trial at Swansea a fortnight earlier—Woollier's Brilliant Play the Feature had been the Western Mail's headline above the report by Old Stager—and Rydal's headmaster, the Rev A.J. Costain, was his proudest champion.

He was a schoolboy, true, but Woollier had turned 30 and was in his third year in the sixth form, attempting to pass Latin for the umpteenth time to take up the place which Christ's had kept open for him at Cambridge on account of his sporting prowess.

The youngest England player remains Henri Laird, of Pangbourne Nautical College, who played fly-half against Wales at Twickenham in 1927 at 18 years 134 days. After him comes Bedford's J.G. "Jumbo" Milton (18 years 279 days), hooker against Wales at Leicester in 1904.

**F**OR romantic the 15-year-old Grunt remains Scotland's most dashing sportsman: a complete natural who captained Lancashire at cricket, played soccer for Manchester City and won the Natal Open Golf Championship in his 50s.

Ireland's most precocious was of the great rugby dynasty, Frank Hewitt (17 years 155 days), who won three caps in the 1920s before denouncing the game when 21 and retiring "on religious grounds". There was no chance of Ireland's most famous broth doing that. Tony O'Reilly was a year older than Hewitt and had just left Dublin's Belvedere College when he exploded into the game for the continuing gale of rugby nations. The monks at Belvedere inscribed a shield to him in 1956 which read: "To Tony, who in the first year after leaving school was selected for Leinster, Ireland, the Barbarians and the British Lions."

"Ah, happy school days," breezes the incorrigible global magnate still, whenever you meet him. "Us Belvedere boys were tops at everything, especially humility."

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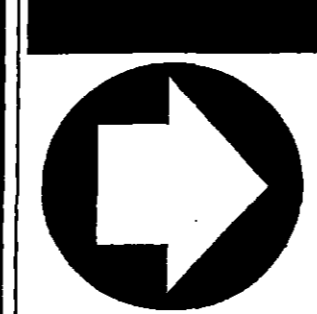
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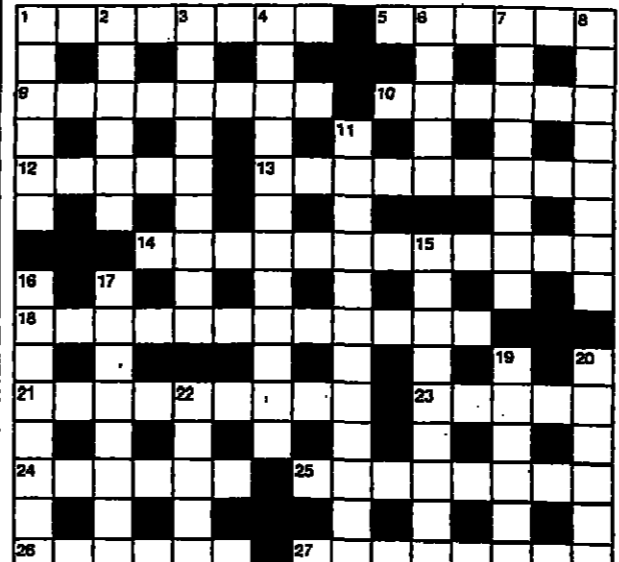


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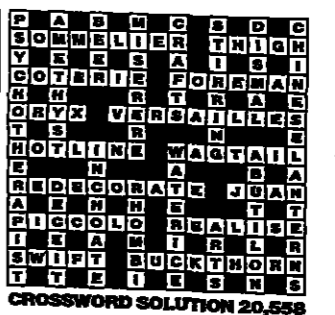
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Set by Shed



- Across**
- 1 Co-habitant's unqualified victory in chess (8)
  - 5 Drive away, putting back records in cover (8)
  - 9, 20 Firm smother-out of fold by 6, 10 (sic) (8, 6)
  - 10 It's by no means obligatory to turn on 26 (6)
  - 12 Holy man took action about sportmen (5)
  - 13 The heavy smoker starts inhaling joints without satisfaction (9)
  - 14 Rashly losing second precious stone in the balance (12)
  - 18 In contact with the audience for 1 min (5-2-5)
  - 21 Makes a new beginning, keeping dead birds (9)
  - 23 Main character born to get the bird (6)
  - 24 Storm about gold in plenty (6)
- Down**
- 25 Being put in the picture regarding measurement (8)
  - 26 Setback involving aficionado of Isis (6)
  - 27 One willing to let fool take part (8)
- Down**
- 1 Stand up to welcoming notice by 10 (6)
  - 2 Affair involving King's Defence (5)
  - 3 Unrefined whisky swamping radio waves (9)
  - 4 It helps cook to separate, introducing a piquant touch (8, 4)
  - 6 One in privy rising at 10 (sic) (5)
  - 7 'Sorry I got in the way' and so forth (8)
  - 8 Border guards turning printers' measures into cloth (8)
  - 11 Love catching love in



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- devious smaras of starvation (12)
- 15 Spread round, scattering shot at full speed (9)
- 16 Startle properly with strident interruption (8)
- 17 Good girl - good grief! - has got sick (thrown up) (8)
- 19 Mount a painter, into what he's into (6)
- 20 see 8
- 22 Rushed to swallow first piece of treacle cake (5)

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